

PRAYING FOR PEACE — Muslim women praying Friday at a mosque in Tuzla, Bosnia. In a Sarajevo suburb, shelling killed at least 8 people who were in line for food. Page 2.

Hosokawa's Debacle Threatens U.S. Trade Ties

By Paul Blustein Washington Post Service

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TOKYO - Nobody said it was going to be easy for Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa when he took office last August at the bead of a fractious seven-party coalition, wowing to eradicate political confuption, open the economy and curtail the influence of the elite burean-

Not only was he forced into a humiliating retreat Friday on a tax plan he had advanced.

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just one day before, but his conduct made him appear almost as a lackey of the very bureaucrats whose influence he has pledged to curb. But in the last couple of days, Mr. Hosokawa Coming just a week before Mr. Hosokawa's Party. If this had been a case of decision has suffered a particularly damaging deback summit meeting in Washington with President making on international relations," Mr. Mori

over taxes that is hurting his reputation as a bold; new-style leader.

Not only was he forced into a humiliating gress on resolving trade and economic disputes is further behind than ever - in part because of

the tax controversy.

As Mr. Hosokawa retreated to his official residence Friday afternoon, few here were disagreeing with the assessment of his performance voiced by Yoshiro Mori, secretary-general of the opposition Liberal Democratic Party. "If this had been a case of decision-metric on international relations." Mr. Mori

said, "it might have brought about a major

Mr. Hosokawa, whose aristocratic mien and crusading rhetoric have earned him high popularity, looked inept from the start when be proposed a rise in the highly unpopular nationsales tax at a predawn press conference

He said he was "abolishing" the 3 percent sales tax and replacing it with a 7 percent See JAPAN, Page 4

Dow Dives 96 Points On U.S. Rate Increase

Fed Takes Swipe At Inflation

By Lawrence Malkin

NEW YORK — The Federal Reserve Board pushed U.S. interest rates up Friday for the first time in five years, putting Wall Street into a tailspin and sending the dollar soaring.

The end of the long period of falling or stable interest rates shoved the Dow Jones industrial average down 96 24 prints, to 3.871.42, and the

average down 96.24 points, to 3,871.42, and the

average down 90.24 points, to 5.871.82, and the 30-year Treasury bood yield to 6.35 percent, up from 6.30 percent Thursday. (Page 10)

The dollar, however, gained as investors fled toward the safety of short-term bonds and deposits, which become more rewarding as in-

deposits, which become note revaluable terest rates rise. (Page 9)

In what was widely seen as a preemptive strike to preserve its credibility in the fight against inflation, the Federal Reserve oudgets. short-term interest rates upward, placing a bet

that it would not eboke off the recovery.

The central bank's perceived target for the federal funds rate, which sets banks' wholesale cost of money and had stood since September 1992 at its lowest level in three decades, edged up one-quarter of a percentage point to 3.25 percent. Another quarter-percentage point to 3.23 percent. Another quarter-percentage point tightening is expected later this year, economists said, with some calling for the rise as early as oext mooth.

A tightening had been widely expected, although its timing was a surprise. The central bank made a flat-out formal announcement, which was unprecedented for a change in short-

The Fed's move was accepted with equanimity by the administration. Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen said the move was "not unexpected" and that it had already been factored into the official gross domestic product growth forecast of 3 percent for the year.

But the move took financial markets by sur-prise. After the Federal Reserve ebairman, Alan Greenspan, warned Congress on Mooday that a rate increase was in the cards as the economy strengthened, the financial community widely assumed be would wait for more evidence of economic strength before making a

Instead, the Federal Open Market Commit-tee, which met Thursday and Friday in Wash-ington to chart the central bank's monetary policy for the year, chose to ignore the ecocomic cross-currents set up by last month's cold snap and Friday morning's mixed report on employment, which added only 62,000 new jobs to the nation's payrolls, oce-third of recent job

The committee's decisions usually are divined in the money markets, but the Federal Reserve said Mr. Greenspan announced the move "to avoid any misunderstanding of the committee's purposes," which he said were "to avoid any and substantial an

sustain and enhance the econd The Fed's rightening even before inflation gave any signs of accelerating should reassure bondholders and belp bold down long-term interest rates, which bave provided the principal power for the recovery by encouraging borrowing for houses, antomobiles, and business investment. Some analysts said the central bank would move gradually to raise interest rates sufficiently to combat inflation.

"Now the waiting game begins," said Sam

By Daniel Southerland Washington Post Service
BELITNG — China has released three men

imprisoned for alleged crimes connected with

demonstrations for democracy in 1989, Xinhua

The press agency said that two of the prison-

ers were released because they had shown "pen-itence" and good behavior, and that a third was freed on bail for medical treatment.

But the releases appeared timed to affect a

U.S. decision in June on China's trading status.

Beijing is required to show "overall significant

progress" on human rights before President Bill Clinton can extend trading privileges that grant

The State Department, in its annual report

on human rights released this week, said that

although China had freed some prominent dis-

sidents in the last year, its practice of prosecut-ing those exercising their rights of expression and association still fell far short of internation-

One of the three just released, Xiao Bin, 46, a

China the lowest import tariffs.

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China Frees 3 Dissidents

Tightening Could Delay Europe's Cuts

By Alan Friedman

PARIS — The rightening of U.S. mone-tary policy could delay expected cuts in short-term interest rates by the Bundesbank and other European central banks. thus slowing the pace of European economic recovery, economists warned Fri-

The U.S. rate increase, although small, caused the Deutsche mark to weaken against the U.S. dollar to 1.7610DM.

Economists said Friday that the German central bank, which left interest rates unchanged at its biweekly council meeting Thursday because of concern about a jump in the M-3 moory supply measure in December, would probably keep its monetary policy oo bold if the German currency depreciates further in response to higher

The Bundesbank traditionally worries about a weak mark because of the potential for expensive raw material imports to fuel inflation.

Inaction by the Bundesbank could delay badly occided interest rate cuts in France because "the Bank of France appears to still want to peg its monetary policy to the Bundesbank," said Robin Marshall, ehief economist at Chase Investment Bank Limited in London.

The French appear to be following the Bundesbank slavishly on interest rates. In addition to slowing the economic recovery in Germany and France, a delay in European rate cuts could have a negafive impact on European equity markets.

analysts said.

Marcus Grubb, internacional equity
strategist at Salomon Brothers, said Europe's stockmarkets were already "a little overstretched oo bopes of a Bundesbank interest rate cut," and the immediate outlook could be reflected in share prices.

Mr. Grubb noted that the German and

French equity markets were relatively expensive anyway, with the average multiple of share prices to 1993 earnings at 31 times on Frankfurt's DAX 30 index and 27 oo the Paris bourse's CAC-40 index.

George Magnus, chief international economist at the Loodon-based S.G. Warburg Securities, even suggested there bad been coordination between the U.S. and German central banks.

"I think we have to assume that part of the reason for the Bundesbank's reluctance to cut rates at its council meeting oo Thursday was due to coordination with the Federal Reserve about what was then an imminent alghtening of U.S. mooetary policy," he said.

Mr. Magnus and others said, however, that if the U.S. dollar did oot sustain its surge over the next two or three weeks and if German wage oegotiations were re-solved, the Bundesbank would still be able to lower interest rates in March.

From Old Tragedy to New Opportunity in Vietnam

By R.W. Apple Jr.

... New York Times Service WASHINGTON - It was Lyndon B. Johnson's war, though the initial commitments were made by John F.
Kennedy. The peace, such as it was, was the handiwork of
Richard Nixon; but that was tainted by the stench of defeat.
Now fate has chosen Bill Clinton to lead the nation in consigning the whole sad, ugly ordeal to the dim recesses of memory — the same Bill Chinton who, like Dan Quayle and memory—the same that Cambridge and Chayle and many other privileged members of his generation, managed to avoid service in the rice paddies of the Mekong Delta or the jungles of the Central Highlands, on the carriers in the Gulf of Tonkin or the choppers of the 1st Cavalry Division.

Some organizations that represent veterans of the war

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protested bitterly even before President Clinton announced the lifting of the 19-year embargo Thursday afternoon. No

doubt a spirited scrap will ensue.

But if the polls are to be believed, many voters agree with

Mr. Clinton and with the Senate, which voted overwhelming.

ly last week to end the embargo.

The flag follows trade, it is said, and mutual diplomatic recognition between Hanoi and Washington is not likely to be delayed many years more, though the president specified that it would have to wait upon "a full and final accounting". of America's losses.

Slowly, almost imperceptibly, Vietnam has turned from a tragedy into an opportunity. Having watched the Germans and British making large investments there, having pondered

the prospects of turning the onetime enemy into the next That- or Malay-style success story, American businessmen See HISTORY, Page 4

Hanoi welcomes "a new page" in relations. Page 5.



In April 1975 Americans were fleeing Vietnam in panic as the Communists closed in. Only now are the war wounds beginning to heal. President Clinton's lifting of the trade embargo this week is the first step toward full relations.

The Wild New Game on the Bombay Bourse: Investment Rugby

By Kevin Murphy tional Herald Tribune

BOMBAY - On the roating floor of the Bombay Stock Exchange, ground zero of India's economic resurgence, new rules are coming to make foreign players feel more at home, but ragby-like scrums and flying tackles still

characterize the trading.
Brokers grab ears, beards, cheeks, throats

and tufts of hair, desperate to complete a list of buys or unload a batch of shares in the maybem where 80 percent of India's trading takes place each day without computers.

Tempted to get involved by glowing reports of the country's economic turnsround or the sales pitch from a wave of new India funds being touted by investment houses? Caveat

"When we are trading, we forget about everything else for two hours," shouted a trader as blood flowed from a colleague's face and another market maker collapsed underneath a headlock and a big huddle of sellers. "Some-

times our shirts get shredded." Although accidentally cut by a ring or watchband in a thicket of thrusting hands that flew up in response to an offer for Tata Iron & Steel

Co. shares, the bleeding broker and his flattened peer, two of the 2,500 traders allowed on the seething, circular floor each day, stayed in the game to complete their trades.

Was it war with Pakistan? A Wall Street crash? Or a new wave of buying from foreign investors who see in India's economic reforms

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factory worker, had served nearly half of his 10year sentence. Another, Liao Yiwu, 34, a poet, had only six weeks to go before being released.

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ally recognized standards.

reported Friday.

Tried After 1989 Protests Ding Junze, 52, a professor released for medical treatment, had served three and a half years of a

12-year term. Mr. Xiao, from northern China, was arrested after he told American television reporters that the Chinese Army killed thousands of people in

The authorities told John Kamm, an American human rights advocate, two weeks ago that they would release at least three prominent poliocal prisoners before the Lunar New Year celebration, which begins Thursday. But the three just released were not considered promi-

oent by most observers.

Wang Juntao, who helped arrange a dialogue between Chinese officials and protest leaders in May 1929, was later accused of being a mastermind behind the Tiananmen Square demonstrations and was sentenced to 13 years imprisonment. Bao Tong, aide to the chief of the Communist Party at the time, Zhao Ziyang, was sentenced to seven years for allegedly re-

vealing state secrets. "The three released today were only foot soldiers," Mr. Kamm said. China, he said, is holding higher-level dissidents — he calls them "prisoners of war" — for a future exchange in the battle to save China's trading status.

masked men with machine guns sprayed

bullets at worshipers in a mosque on Friday,

killing 10 men and 2 children, the police

Seventeen people were reported wounded in the attack. Sudan has been under Muslim

fundamentalist military rule for almost five

The assailants escaped in a pickup truck from the mosque in Omdurman, the twin city of the Sudanese capital.

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Sudan Reports 12 Killed at Mosque KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) - Three

Up and Coming /// An occasional series about the leaders of tomorrow.

She's an upbeat congresswoman from New York — who also embodies the rare combination in politics of feminist and Republican. Susan Molinari is riding a wave of

attention in Washington. Her profile is in Monday's Herald Tribune.

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Chinese art is still available in such vast quantities that even modest sales deserve

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By Martha Groves Las Angeles Times Service SAN FRANCISCO — Dictation? Toss out those steno pads, lorget that shorthand. These days, bosses can write their own letters on their

personal computers. ersonal computers. Need to schedule a meeting for 50 staffers? Let a Personal Information Manager program in your computer scope out everyone's calendar, send invitations by e-mail and record the R.S.V.P.s.

Add another figure to the list of endangered species: the office

Their ranks thinned by recession and their lives made easier by a spreading intolerance of sexism, some secretaries are being propelled by technology into new — and often bigger — jobs.

Once relegated to wrestling with tab keys and carbon paper, pounding out endless drafts of documents, answering phones, fetching coffee and doing personal errands for the boss, the general-purpose secretary in the United States has largely gone the way of manual transmitters and automaters in machines.

Their ranks thinned by recession and their lives made easier by a

typewriters and mimeograph machines.

Instead, a supergroup of "administrative assistants" has emerged from social change and the rubble of corporate downsizing. And they

computers, voice-mail and a flood of other devices have not merely relieved them of drudge work but actually empowered them. Their command of such machinery allows them to focus on higherlevel projects and makes them invaluable to technology-illiterate

Now, in thousands of offices, secretaries work for three times as many bosses as in the past. Pools have replaced personal secretaries.

And some companies are doing without them altogether.

Although the U.S. work force grew by 14 percent in the past decade. the number of secretaries, stemographers and typists tumbled nearly 13 percent, to about 3.4 million, according to the federal Bureau of Labor

Ten years ago, for example, senior partners at Jackson, Lewis, Schnitzler & Krupman, a Los Angeles law firm, might have had two secretaries each. Now there is one secretary for every two or three

lawyers.
"I would say the traditional secretary is on her way out," said Maripat Blankenbeim, a spokeswoman for 9 to 5, the National See STENO, Page 4

Rift Aside, U.S. and France Press Bosnia Pact

By Roger Cohen
New York Times Sernce

PARIS - After their sharp dispute over policy in Bosnia, France and the United States are quietly trying to convene a high-level working group that would coordinate European and American peacemaking efforts in the Balkan war and take these efforts in a new direction.

French and U.S. officials said Friday that a first meeting of the group could take place next week, just before longstalled peace talks among the three warring factions in

Bosnia resume in Geneva on Thursday.

The United States would be represented by Charles Redman, the U.S. special envoy to the Bosnian talks, and France by senior Foreign Ministry officials.

The officials said an outline agreement to set up the group was reached last week by Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher and the French foreign minister, Alain Juppe, even as they clashed over French requests that the United States put pressure on the Muslim-led Bosnian government

The State Department later accused France of using "a strange moral calculus" in its approach to ending the conflict by suggesting that the main victims, the Muslims, should be

having washed its hands of the conflict.

"Unfortunately, the meeting ended up as a public sham-bles," an official said. "But alongside that, there was an understanding that the United States could get more involved in the peacemaking process provided the focus of those efforts changes somewhat.

This shift is now expected to be provided by a meeting of European Union foreign ministers in Brussels on Monday,

The ministers would make clear that a proposed map for carving up Bosnia-Herzegovina along ethnic lines is open to changes that would substantially improve the quality of the land being offered to the Bosnian Muslims, and would invite the United States and Russia to take a more active role in the

peace negotiations, they said.

"It's clear that the European Union has to propose something rather different to get the United States involved, and I think we are prepared to do that," a French official said. Specifically, it appears that the Europeans are ready to take a tougher stance in insisting that the Serbs return towns and villages in eastern Bosnia from which the Muslim

persuaded to accept an imperfect peace. France resorted that the United States was in no position to give morality lessons, having washed its hands of the conflict.

majority was driven out in a process known as "ethnic cleansing," the officials said.

"We want the pressure to be on the Serbs to improve the

quality of the land being offered to the Muslims, even if the quantity is not increased that much," a U.S. official said. "We also want to try to get a fairly clear statement from the Muslims over the next lew weeks of what they could live-

A peace initiative started in November by France and Germany that offered a gradual easing of senctions on Serbia in return for the Serbs giving the Muslims more land

The Serbs, who hold about 70 percent of Bosmia, have offered a settlement that would leave the Muslim-led Bosnian government with about one-third of the former Yugoslav republic, the Croats with 17 percent, and themselves the rest. but Bosnia's prime minister, Haris Silajdzic, has dismissed the offer as inadequate.

The impasse has now led the Europeans to the view that U.S. and Russian assistance are essential if any sentement is to be reached, because only the Russians have real credibility with the Serbs and only the United States is trusted as a guarantor of any eventual peace by the Bosnian government.

Shells Hit Food Line, Killing 8 In Bosnia

SARAJEVO, Bossia-Herzegovi-na — Mortar shells exploded Friday in a crowded street of a Sarajevo suburb, killing at least eight people waiting in line for food. It was the deadliest shelling in the city more than a month

Dobrinja, a western suburb near the airport that is surrounded on three sides by units of the besieging Bosnian Serbs. At least 16 people were wounded in the shelling, which took the highest toll since 15 people died during a heavy bombardment on Jan. 3. Three of the

While the Serbs denied they were while the sease dement they were responsible for the attack Priday. United Nations peacekeepers said heavy Serbian shelling killed six people in the city on Thursday.

The neighborhood has suffered several bloodbaths during the second Adjanton or the number of the city of the city

siege. A disproportionate number of the 10,000 killed and 55,000 wounded in Sarajevo have been in Dobrinia, which faces Serbian ar-tillery around the UN-controlled airport and on surrounding moun-

In the attack Friday, shells slammed into a courtyard enclosed by battered five-story apartment blocks and a parking garage lit-tered with bombed-out vehicles. In June, morters landed on a Dobrinja soccer field in June, killing a dozen people and wounding scores of players and spectators. Weeks later, morters tore into a crowd lined up at a well, killing and

wounding dozens.

More than 1,500 children have been killed by gunfire in the city of 300,000 people, including six by a mortar blast last month near Dobrinja while riding sleds in the

Elsewhere in Bosnia, Serbian mi-litiamen have intensified a terror campaign to drive Muslims and Croats from the Banja Luka area, said Kris Janowski, a UN relief

agency spokesman in Sarajevo.

Mr. Janowski said the situation had become "very bad, very tense and hostile" for the 18 UN relief workers in that area, a stronghold of Bosman Serbs in northwe Bosnia. He said that despite death threats, there were no immediate plans to withdraw the workers.

The United Nations estima that Banja Luka's prewar Muslim population of about 30,000 has shrunk to less than 15,000 because of forcible evictions, jailings and killings by Serbs.

Serbian police in the town of Mrkonjic Grad advised Red Cross officials that all minorities in the evacuated," Mr. Janowski said.

Mr. Johnson, who is still employed by the State Department, is the fifth official there to speak out against U.S. policy toward the former Yugoslavia. The other four dis-

senters have resigned in protest. State Department officials de-clined to comment on the paper. The United States has signed in-

ternational treaties calling for the recognition, prevention, and punishment of genocide. Some members of Congress have called for air strikes against Bosnian Serbs' posi-tions; the administration has talked of such steps but has taken

no military action. . Mr. Christopher has said a military intervention to stop the killing in the former Yugoslavia would require several hundred thousand

American ground troops.

Representative Frank X. Mo-Closkey, Democrat of Indiana, who recently employed Mr. Johnson as a foreign policy adviser un-der a State Department fellowship, said the paper underscored his own bellef that the United States should lift an arms embargo on the Muslim-led Bosnian government and strike at Bosnian Serbian artillery

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Mandela Says De Klerk Fears Right KROONSTAD, South Africa (AP) — Nelson Mandeia accused President Frederik W. de Klerk of cowardice and paralysis Friday in the face of threats and bombings by white extremists who oppose multiracial electrons.

On a trip to Orange Free State, a stronghold of rightists, the leader of the African National Congress said Mr. de Klerk "was frightened wheat the right wing said you do not enter this station or we will fight. Mr. de Klerk does not have any fighting spirit. He's like one of those cowards who shout, TII get you, at the same time he is running away." The two shared the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize, but their relationship has turned.

In recent weeks, a string of bombings has struck offices of the ANC and affiliated groups in Orange Free State. They are presumed to be part of a campaign by extremists. No suspects have been apprehended. Most of the blasts have caused damage but only two injuries.

Bosman radio said the shells hit Bail Granted in Attack on Charles

SYDNEY (AirP) — David Kang, the 23-year-old student accused of shooting blanks at Prince Charles with a starting pistol, was granted bail on Friday but was ordered to enter a psychiatric hospital.

Judge Rex Smart allowed the bail of 5,000 Australian dollars (\$3,550) on the condition that Mr. Kang remain in the hospital's care until deemed

on the condition that Mr. Kang remain in the hospital's care until deemed fit to be released. Judge Smart said Mr. Kang, who has no prior convictions, presented himself as "shy, sorry, depressed, and distressed."

The court heard testimony Thursday that Mr. Kang suffered from depression and had been on what he believed would be "a suicide mission" to draw attention to the plight of Cambodian refugees detained in Australia when he fired the blanks at the prince during an outdoor ceremony in Sydney on Jan. 26. Mr. Kang's next court appearance on four criminal charges is scheduled for Feb. 25.

Progress on a Somali Government

MOGADISHU, Somalia (Renters) — A Somali warlord, Mohammed Ali Mahdi, said Priday that rival Somali leaders were close to agreement on forming a government, and that even a weak government was better

It would be "a body without a head" but "we have to opt for the easiest-solution," he said. "Only the Somalis can decide the fate of Somalia. No.

one can impose it."

Mr. Ali Mahdi, who considers himself interim president, was speaking after talks in which the U.S. special envoy, Robert Oakley, is acting as gobetween among factions including Mr. Ali Mahdi's main rival, General. Mohammed Farrah Aidid, the region's dominant warlord.

Plot Meant to Spread Fear, Iran Says

TEHRAN (Reuters) — President Hashemi Rafsanjani of Iran said, Friday that a plot to assassinate him was intended to spread fear and show weakness in Iran's Islamic revolution.

A man fired five shots, apparently from a small-caliber pistol, during a ceremony at the shrine of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini while Mr. Rafsanjani was giving a speech Tuesday, Mr. Rafsanjani was not harmed. Mr. Rafsanjani said that the plotters wanted to make the ceremony unsafe so that people would not take part and that they sought to "give a sign to the outside would that the revolution has lost its luster." Iranian officials reported that the assailant and accomplices, who were described as "anti-Islamic and anti-revolutionary," had been arrested.

Finnish Candidates Neck and Neck

HELSINKI (Reuters) - Finns, concerned about about economic and

HPLNINKI (Reuters) — Finns, concerned about about accomme and foreign policy issues, will choose between a defense minister and a veteran UN diplomat in a presidential election on Sunday.

Opinion polls show the race for the presidency becoming increasingly: close, with Defense Minister Phisabeth Reim, of the Swedish People's. Party, a junior member of the center-right government, and Marttr-Ahtisaari of the opposition Social Democrats running neck and neck.

Miss Reim and Mr. Ahtisaari led nine other candidates in the election's. first round on Jan. 16, but failed to win the 50 percent needed to avoid a second round of voting. The winner will succeed Manno Koivisto, who

Mayan Rebels Ask Mexico for Talks

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (Reuters) - Maya Indian rebels have agreed to open peace talks aimed at ending their, rebellion in southern Mexico, but they accused the government of trying.

to humiliste them and threatened fresh attacks.

Warning of the choice between "a dignified peace or a dignified war," the Zapansta National Liberation Army assailed the government for trying to limit the agenda of peace talks and reinang to recognize the rebel group. "The government's arrogant attitude is sinced at putting us. on our knees before talking to us," the Zapatista leader, Commander Marcos, said in a statement dated Jan. 31 and released Friday.

He said the rebels, who stumed Mercico an Jan. 1 by sezzing several transmit the restricts of Character and declaring war on the same

towns in the southern state of Chiapas and declaring war on the army, would go to peace negotiations and that they had sent a formal proposal to a government peace envoy. But Commander Marros did not give a date for talks and said his rebels feared betrayal by the government.

Tunku Ja'afar to Be King of Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR (AFP) — A former diplomat, Tunku Ja'sfar ibni-Abdul Rahman, was designated Friday as the next king by a conclave of Malaysia's hereditary rulers, Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim

The 72-year-old ruler of the southern Negri Sembilan state will assume office as Malaysia's 10th king on April 26, when Raja Azlan Shah, the sultan of Perak state, completes his five-year term. Under Malaysia's unique rotating monarchy, the sultans and rajas, serve as the titular heads of nine of the country's 13 states and choose a paramount ruler from among themselves to reign for five years.

For the Record

Denmark is pulling its ambasundor and three other diplomats out of Algeria next week because of recent killings of foreigners by Muslim-militants, the Foreign Ministry said Friday in Copenhagen. The embassy in Algiers will remain open, with Algerian staff and one Danish office. clerk without diplomatic status.

(AP)

TRAVEL UPDATE

Delta to Cut Trans-Atlantic Flights

reduce its flights across the Atlantic by 12 percent and route more-

Delta also said it would seek approval to sell blocks of seats on Maley Hungarian Airlines on flights between New York and Budapest. Delta flight attendants would also work on the flights.

(AP, Reasers)

Fares on Famish domestic flights will rise, on average, by 5.3 percentrom Monday, Finland's Finnair Oy said in Helsinki. (Reiders

Balladur Bows Before Onslaught of Fishermen

RENNES, France - Thousands of angry fishermen battled with the police here Friday as Prime Minister Edouard Balladur, his voice nearly drowned out by the firing of tear-gas canisters, tried to assuage the protesters by promising new measures to protect the industry from inexpensive

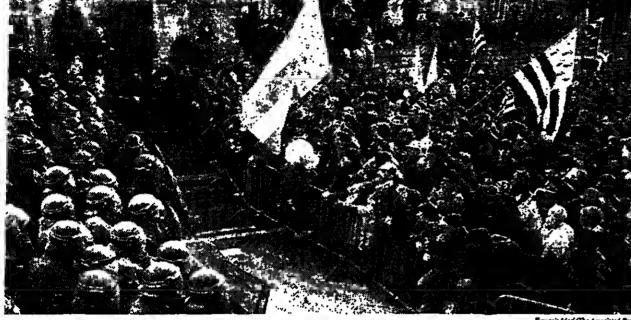
Authorities said 77 people -48 policemen, 4 firemen, 22 protesters and 3 passers-by — were injured in daylong clashes in Rennes. It is the capital of Brittany, the region at the center of a violent campaign by French fish-

A force of more than 600 riot and paramilitary policemen repeatedly used tear gas, and occasionally clubs, to combat protesters armed with baseball bats, hatchets, cudgels and paving stones ripped from the streets. About 30 arrests were reported.

Mr. Balladur, anxious to end the violence, promised that his conservative government would move single-handedly to protect the French fishing industry if the 12-nation Enropean Union di not act swiftly to support fish

The EU later announced that at France's request it was setting minimum prices for Atlantic salmon and certain types of imported white fish, meeting one of the protesters' demands. The European Commission said the prices, in effect at least until March 15, were set "so one member state can tackle a serious

Agriculture and Fishing Minister Jean Puech, who joined Mr. Balladur in talks with a delegation of fishermen, said the gov-ernment would cut by half the fishermen's required contributions for health care, retirement



French fishermen, some with flags of Brittany, facing riot policemen Friday in the city of Rennes before fighting broke out.

promised 300 million francs (\$50 erament scrapped the plan and million) in new aid to fishermen and ordered tighter customs checks of foreign fish to make

sure they met quality standards.
Following the latest concessions, protest leaders urged their followers in Rennes to disperse but indicated they would still press for formal restrictions on Mr. Balladur warned against

This was the third time that Mr. Balladur, a favorite to win the

further violence, saying the con-cessions should be sufficient. residency next year, has scrambled defensively to calm augry protest movements. When Air France employees

On Thursday, the government to protest a jobs-cut plan, the gov-

fired the state-run airline's chairman. The government also backed off a plan to fund private, mainly Catholic, schools with public funds, offering extra funds to public schools after a huge protest march in Paris. Mr. Balladur, standing a few

hundred meters from the clashes, wowed that the government would give fishing the same financial support it gave to farmers hit by production limits and price cuts. "I can assure you the government will do everything in its power to solve the problem," he said. "But there must be respect for freedom and public order. Vi-

olence has never made anything

lice with eggs, empty beer cans and paving stones. One protester's hand was partly severed when he tried to pick up a tear-gas grenade. Two riot policemen were wounded in the legs by shots from The mayor of Rennes, Edmond

faces with scarves, pelted the po-

Hervé, and a member of the National Assembly, Jean-Michel Boucheron, were beaten by protesters and escorted by policemen to City Hall, where they were trapped for several hours. Fishermen overturned cars and smashed

The protesters arrived in Rennes by train and bus, some from distant ports. The crowd and other supporters. About 50 fishermen raided a Rennes supermarket, throwing imported fish to the ground. Two supermarkets were raided in Ar-

cachon, outside Bordeaux, where protesters blocked a highway with urning tires.
Normandy fishermen formed a blockade near the mouth of the

Seine, preventing ocean traffic from reaching the port at Rouen. The port in Le Havre also was blocked, and fishermen in Mediterranean ports stopped work.
On Thursday, 26 policemen were injured trying to control the protesters, who blocked ports.

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U.S. Leaders Ignore Genocide, Aide Says survival of the fragile liberal coali-tion represented by this presiden-

By Tim Weiner New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — A State Department official has accused the United States of deliberately ignoring "genocide" by Serbian leaders against Bosnian Muslims. "Senior U.S. government offi-cials know that Serb leaders are

waging genocide in Bosnia but will not say so in plain English because this would raise the pressure for U.S. action," Richard Johnson, head of the State Department's Yugoslavia desk from 1990 to 1992, wrote in a paper prepared last month at the National War Col-

The paper, titled "The Pin-Stripe Approach To Genocide," says President Bill Clinton, Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher, and senior State Department officials have played down evidence that the so-called ethnic cleansing of Muslims in Bosnia constitutes genocide the systematic killing of a people

- under international law. "Senior policymakers have failed to level with the American people on the nature of the moral and security challenge the United States faces in the Balkans," Mr. Johnson wrote. The paper described a State De-

partment luncheon in April to hon-

or Elie Wiesel, the Nobel Peace

Prize laureate, and presided over

by Undersecretary for Political Affairs Peter Tarnoff and the State Department counselor, Timothy E. Mr. Johnson said that Mr. Wiesel argued that the Serbs' conduct

American intervention "Tarnoll took Wiesel's point but noted that failure in Bosnia would destroy the Clinton presidency, Mr. Johnson wrote, and luncheon guests confirmed his account.
"Wirth agreed with Wiesel that the moral stakes in Bosnia were high, but asserted that there were even higher moral stakes at play: 'the

created "a moral imperative" for

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NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) - Delta Air Lines plans to

passengers through New York and Frankfurt, company officials smitched the airline plans to drop daily nonstop flights between San Francisco and Frankfurt starting April 27, add 10 additional U.S. domestic flights to feed trans-Atlantic flights from New York, and fly larger jets from Frankfurt on European routes. The changes are aimed at reducing losses, on the trans-Atlantic operation.

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Italian Poll Favors Media Magnate

ROME - The media magnate Silvio Berinsconi emerged Friday as Italy's most trusted politician in an opinion poll that also revealed deep confusion among voters over which party to back in the general elections. The survey by the Doxa institute provided a timely boost for the multimillionaire, who has threatened to go it alone in the elections March 27

and 28 unless potential allies in the center and on the right stop squabbling and join forces against At the same time, however, two-thirds of those surveyed said they did not know which party to vote for in the general elections, which will be held under a new simple majority system that is expected to redraw Italy's political map.

The number of 'don't knows' has never been so high as this time round," said Ennio Salamon, the institute's director. He cantioned that the uncertainty would affect the reliability of polls. In the telephone survey of 506 people, 25 per-

cent of respondents saw Mr. Berluscom as the

person most able to tackle Italy's problems.

That put the executive, who entered politics last week at the head of the Forza Italia conservative movement, far ahead of the field. Prime Minister Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, Italy's first unallied head of government, was next, with No other politician, including the leftist leader

Achille Occhetto, hit double figures, and 30 per-cent of the sample said none of the 10 top names was up to the job of running Italy. The new electoral system has been hailed as the centerpiece of a quiet revolution sparked by cor-ruption scandals that have devastated Italy's politi-

ical old guard. The system puts a premium on alliance forming and is intended to create a bipolar political system, but to date it has sparked only bickering reminiscent of the discredited maneuvering of old.

Even an eight-party leftist alliance, led by the former Communists, Mr. Occhetto's Democratic Party of the Left, is struggling to hold together only three days after it was organized.

The confusion is even greater in the center and on the right, where potential alliances have proved clusive amid a sea of mutual recriminations. The system puts a premium on alliance forming

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Foster Case

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By Delays

In Inquiry

By Pierre Thomas

WASHINGTON - U.S. Park Police waited until two days after

they had ruled the death of Vincent

Foster a suicide to ask federal fire-

arms experts to conduct forensic tests to confirm their conclusion.

Park Police waited nearly a month after the July 20 death of the deputy White House counsel before

turning over the firearm, a bullet that remained in the weapon, and

Mr. Foster's clothing for examina-tion by the Bureau of Alcohol. To-

hacco and Firearms.

Bureau officials, who marked

their findings "sensitive," quickly

conducted the tests and concurred

with the Park Police conclusion

that Mr. Foster shot himself with a

single 38 caliber bullet to the head.

But they offer the first glimpse

into the procedures used by the Park Police in the shooting, an in-

quiry that has come under continu-

ing criticism and whose results

body was discovered in a park out-

side Washington, the special coun-sel, Robert B. Fiske Jr., has begun

reexamining Mr. Foster's death as

part of a broad probe of President

Bill Clinton's Whitewater real es-

tate investment and connections to

Madison Guaranty Savings and

After Mr. Fiske began work, the

Justice Department indefinitely

withheld the final report on Mr.

Foster's death that had been sched-

uled for public release weeks ago.

Officials said Mr. Fiske would

review the report before it is re-

Mr. Foster was the Clintons' le-gal counsel on Whitewater and

filed three years of back corporate

taxes for the venture several

Speculation that his suicide was

linked to a federal investigation of Madison grew after disclosures that the FBI had raided the Little

Rock offices of David Hale, a for-

mer municipal judge linked to Madison, shortly before Mr. Fos-ter's death. Mr. Hale has publicly

accused Mr. Clinton of pressuring

him to make an improper loan

backed by the Small Business Ad-

General Philip B. Heymann held a

press conference to "announce the results of the inquiry" into Mr.

Foster's death. Park Police Chief

Robert E. Langston said the agency had completed its inquiry, and had

concluded "that Mr. Foster was

anxious about his work and he was

distressed to the degree that be

But two days later, on Aug. 12,

Major Benjamin J. Holmes Jr., the

commander of the Park Police's

criminal division, wrote a letter to

the Bureau of Alcobol, Tobacco

and Firearms asking for the agen-

cy's assistance in examining evi-

that an army Colt .38 special re-

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victim's right thumb was trapped

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Major Holmes told the bureau

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dence recovered at the scene.

On Aug. 10, Deputy Attorney

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Documents obtained by The Washington Post show that the

Clinton Targets 115 Programs To Kill, but Fight Is Brewing

Hurdle-Jumping at State Dept.

lack, the chairman of the Confer-

Organizations, and Malcolm

Hoenlein, the director, met with

Mr. Talbott for 90 minutes on

mittee members said that for the

moment, Mr. Talbott is expected to

win approval when he comes be-

Mr. Talbott made his reputation

as a specialist on the Soviet Union

as a correspondent and columnist for Time magazine. He has written

little about the Middle East, and

fore the committee on Tuesday.

Senate Foreign Relations Com-

Jewish Groups Question Nominee's Writings on Israel

WASHINGTON - Some ence of Presidents of Major Jewish

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton will propose killing 115 federal programs to save \$3.25 billion

According to documents obtained by The Washington Post, the president's plan proposes reduced spending for 300 federal programs, including the 115—in the "List of Programmatic Terminations"—that

would be eliminated as part of the \$1.5 trillion budget. Mr. Clinton has said this budget is one of the toughest ever because of the spending caps put in place last year that require the White House to achieve spending-reduction commitments made in the \$500 billion, five-year deficit-reduction plan Congress approved last summer. This year's budget is about \$30 billion less than Mr. Clinton's budget request of a year ago.

To meet the caps as well as increase spending in what Mr. Clinton calls his "investment" agenda, the White House has been forced to sharply reduce discretionary spending in many areas and eliminate what officials there call "good but marginal" federal

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Among programs on the extinction list are aid for local schools serving military dependents, oilseed export subsidies, 40 separate small National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration projects in states across the country, the Defense Department's heavy cargo helicopter procurement program and its shipbased anti-submarine warfare helicopter, a search and rescue helicopter and F-16 fighter aircraft. NASA would lose its advanced solid rocket motor program that was in jeopardy last year.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs would lose three grant programs and payments to law schools that set up legal-assistance programs. Uranium-enrichment research along with state student incentive grants would

Wiping out federal programs has become one of the biggest struggles in Congress, even when overall

By Elaine Sciolino

New York Times Service

American Jewish organizations

have raised questions about the writings of Strobe Talbott, the dep-

uty secretary of state-designate, on

Israel, which some say reflect at

best ignorance, at worst hostility.

-Two Jewish groups have gone on

the offensive, sending excerpts

around town from two columns

that Mr. Talbott wrote for Time

magazine and calling on President Bill Clinton to withdraw his nomi-

nation. Mr. Talbott, who has been

a close friend of Mr. Clinton's since

By contrast, other Jewish organi-

the former Soviet Union.

spending is being reduced because virtually every program has a politically powerful sponsor and an

washington — President Bill Cimton will propose killing 115 federal programs to save \$3.25 billion in the budget he sends to Congress on Monday, a move lawnakers are predicting will produce political howls of pain.

According to documents obtained by The Washing-ton Post, the president's plan according to documents obtained by The Washing-ton Post, the president's plan according to documents obtained by The Washing-ton Post, the president's plan according to documents obtained by The Washing-ton Post, the president's plan according to the programs for product product

Congressional appropriators said Mr. Clinton's proposals to slash spending to make way for his investment initiatives will touch off briter squabbling on Capitol Hill, where members are beginning to focus on how tight next year's budget will be

"You have so many members who think domestic programs have been cut too much already," said Representative John P. Murtha, Democrat of Pennsylvania, a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee. "The fight will be getting enough votes to pass the president's budget. It's going to be very difficult."

Although not eliminated, other programs will suffer spending cuts after the figures are adjusted for inflation. NASA would experience its first actual budget reduction, a cut of \$250 million from this year. Rural Electrification Administration loan subsidies would be cut, the program that helps poor Americans pay for home heating oil would be reduced 70 percent, and operating subsidies for urban mass-transit would be cut by 25 percent.

Many of the programs proposed for elimination were targeted by Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush, but survived nonetheless. Mr. Clinton proposed last year to kill a handful of the same

programs, such as the F-16, but failed.

The difference this year, an administration official said, is that with much longer time to work on the budget plan, the administration "could really scrape the bottom" for cuts. Mr. Clinton's first budget was sent to Congress less than a month after his

The budget also carry out the first phase of Mr. Clinton's pledge to reduce 252,000 federal workers over five years, proposing that 118,000 positions be

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Ronald and Nancy Reagan playing with balloons at a Republican fund-raiser. The former president turns 83 on Sunday.

Reagan Plaint: President's Stealing My Lines

By Roxanne Roberts

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — Ronald Reagan returned to Washington for a Republican National Committee fund-raiser, and he accused President Bill Clinton of stealing his lines. "After watching the State of the Union Address the other night, I'm reminded of the old adage that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery," Mr. Reagan told the crowd. "Only in this case, it's not flattery, but grand larceny — the intellectual theft of ideas you

and I recognize as our own." The Republicans called the dinner a birthday party for Ronald Reagan, who turns 83

on Sunday, which sounds a lot more festive than a fund-raiser, but raise funds it did. About 2,500 donors paid \$1,000 each ann packed into the National Building Museum to hear Mr. Reagan and his wife. Nancy, and Margaret Thatcher say wonderful things about each other and terrible things about those other guys.

It has been five years since Mr. Reagan left town, but he is still the same: charming. lunny and not a gray hair in sight. And he found some things in Washington unchanged, too.

"As our plane headed toward the airport. I looked down on the White House and it was

just like the good old days," Mr. Reagan said. "The Rose Garden, the South Lawn, David

Mr. Reagan has been playing this part so long that be can deliver his lines flawlessly. and silently compose a grocery list at the same time.

Even when his speech seemed halting, one got the sense that he did it deliberately, just to improve the punch lines. "Now, as most of you know. I'm not one for looking back," he told the audience, which included viewers of CNN, C-SPAN and GOP-TV, the new cable channel. "I figure there will be plenty of time for that when I get old."

He added that Prime Minister Stolen Car Biz Goes Wholesale on Long Island

Ristorante Italiano

By John T. McQuiston New York Times Service

ROSLYN HEIGHTS, New York -- David

Newman knew something was wrong when he left a restaurant here one night this week and saw no sign of the attendant who had parked chadnezzar's Babyloman empire." The Zionist Organization of America and the National Jewish Coalition distributed excerpts of But he only realized how wrong when he and Mr. Talbott's writings. And the Jewish Institute for National Secuhis dinner companions noticed a car at the curh

with its engine running and a thumping sound a close mend of part, changed stance what he has written is open to some rity Affairs said anyone who advo-tion they were roommates at Oxford what he has written is open to some rity Affairs said anyone who advo-lation of the control of the con coming from the trunk.

In a column titled "How Israel Is But some leaders of other Jewish mouth, and he told us what had happened, and zations have chosen to engage in a Like Iraq" in October 1990, more organizations praised Mr. Talbott we realized right away we were in trouble." discussion with the nominee, al- than two months after Iraq's inva- and criticized the campaign against The valet had been locked in the trunk by a

luxury foreign cars from the lot of Il Sapore Mr. Newman, 60, a retired sweater manufac-

turer, found his Acura in the lot, but two of his friends were not so lucky. One lost his Porsche and the other his Mercedes-Benz. The thieves took another Mercedes, two Jaguars and an Infiniti. Police speculated that the thieves were professionals who had taken the cars for export.

"They grabbed the most expensive cars." "I popped the trunk release and there was the valet," he said. "We pulled the tape off his fast. Thank God the young kid who parked the cars was not injured.

The theft took less than 10 minutes and member of a team of car thieves who stole six marked a new twist in auto thefts on Long

been stolen at the same time by the same people, the police said.

about 30 customers were eating dinner. The 18year-old valet who had parked their cars was relaxing in his own car.

Howell said. The gunman, along with several accomplices.

then seized the valet's key board, took the ignition keys for six cars and drove them off,

Island, Nassau County police said. While gangs of car thieves intermittently prey on shopping mails, this is the first time so many cars have

The theft began around 9 P.M. Tuesday as

A man appeared at his car window with a gun and ordered him to get out and open the trunk. The gamman then bound the valet with tape and forced him into the trunk, Detective Thomas

The No. 2 Becomes the No. 1 at the Pentagon

WASHINGTON - William J. Perry has been sworn in as secretary of defense, ending a effort of seven and a half weeks by the Clinton administration to replace Les Aspin, who was forced to step down.
The former Stanford University engineering professor, 66, took the
oath of office in a private ceremony at the Pentagon after the Senare voted, 97 to 0, to confirm his nomination. Earlier, the Senate Armed Services Committee endorsed the appointment unanimously.

University, is now the State De-interpretation. Nowhere is there partment's ambassador et large for any wonten or stal record of an interpretation toward Israel

though they contend that he has a sion of Kuwait, Mr. Talbott wrote him.

The vote Thursday followed a hearing before the Armed Services panel during which Mr. Perry, who has served as Mr. Aspin's deputy for the past 11 months, won plandits from senators.

A Rebuffed Nominee to Get White House Post WASHINGTON -- Morton H. Halperin, the candidate forced to

withdraw last mouth as President Bill Clinton's choice to supervise Pentagon peacekeeping policy, is finding a home on the National Security Council, where he will probably do much the same work but will not need Senate confirmation.

Officials said Thursday that Mr. Halperin, 55, former director of commitment and our the Washington office of the American Civil Liberties Union, will be until our job is done."

shortly become a special assistant to the president in charge of promoting democracy and human rights overseas.

Wented: 1,000 Agents to Bar Illegal Mexicans WASHINGTON - The United States unveiled a new border control program to hold down illegal immigration from Mexico by adding more than 1,000 agents and electronic equipment on the

southwest frontier. The \$368 million for the system in fiscal 1995 will be requested in President Bill Clinton's proposed budget Monday and will require congressional approval. It could get the support of delegations from five large states with immigration concerns: California, Texas, New York, Florida and Illinois.

Quote/Unquote

President Bill Clinton: "Whatever the Vietnam War may have done in dividing our country in the past, today our nation is one in honoring those who served and pressing for answers about all those who did not return. This decision today, I believe, renews that commitment and our constant, constant effort never to forget those No Inspections Yet, North Korea Says

VIENNA - North Korea said Friday that there was "no immediate prospect" of letting the International Atomic Energy Agency conduct unconditional inspections of its nuclear sites.

The North Korean envoy to the agency, Yun Ho Jin, said here that the conflicting positions of the UN agency and Pyongyang "cannot be merged at the moment.

Withour inspections, the agency will be unable to give North Korea a clean bill of nuclear health by the end of this month, and the United States, which believes Pyongyang is making atomic bombs, could demand punitive sanctions.

would regard this an an act of war, appeared at a dead end.

It disclaims nuclear weapons amhi- m U.S. Briefs 4 on Council

The United States has offered to briefing on Friday for the other and North Korea's economic and four nations who are permanent seven declared nuclear sites.

On Jan. 20, the agency said that North Norea was seeking to place unacceptable limits on the proposed examination of the facilities, and warned there would be no inspections at all unless these conditions were dropped.

With less than three weeks to go before the agency must issue a report in its board of governors, meeting the week of Feb. 21, the North Korea has warned that it agency's talks with North Korea

political isolation in return for ac-members of the UN Security Councess to the atomic energy agency to cil on the standoff with North Korea over nuclear inspections. The Washington Post reported from New York.

The meeting with Britain, China. France and Russia was the first time the United States has raised the issue of North Korea at the United Nations since talks between Washington and Pyongyang began last year.

The United States beld a closed

It was a U.S. warning sign to the

Security Council powers that they may soon bave to deal with the the empty cartridge had been fired matter. U.S. officials said.

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by the revolver, with residue patterns consistent with those on photographs of Mr. Foster's hand. The residue pattern on the shirt was consistent with the "discharge of a revolver in close proximity to the upper front of the shirt."

Away From Politics

a The Labrador retriever is still top dog. The American Kennel Club says the "lovable" breed retained its spot as the national favorite, and the "dependable and rugged" Rott-weiler remained No. 2. The German shepherd ranked third, the cocker spaniel fourth and the golden retriever fifth. The poodle, beagle, dachshund, Dalmatian and Shetland sheep dog rounded out the rest of the top 10.

• Despite their speedy response to the earth-quake in Los Angeles, federal relief officials padly underestimated the number of residenis left homeless and were overwhelmed by tens of thousands of non-English-speaking victims seeking help, it was disclosed Thursday at a Senate subcommittee hearing.

 Widely expanded alcohol and drug-testing requirements for truck drivers, pilots, rail-roaders and other "safety-sensitive" transportation workers have been announced by Transportation Secretary Federico Pena.

Louis Farrakhan's decision to suspend senior aide for an inflammatory speech made at Kean College in Union, New Jersey, in November was halled by the chairman of the college's board of trustees. "I applaud the many citizens, legislators and officials, ap-pointed and elected, who have come forward to denounce the comments by Muhammad." said the chairman, Larry Lockhart, He was referring to a speech by Khalid Abdul Muhammad that sought to justify the Holocaust.

• Expressions of anti-Semitism by African Americans are a growing concern for Ameri-

can Jews, many of whom remember the early 1960s when prominent members of both groups worked together on such projects as voting rights and fair housing laws. "I emerged from the civil rights movement and have very deep feelings about the importance of peace between the black and Jewish com-munities," said Rabbi Avi Weiss, national president of the Coalition for Jewish Concerns. "And I struggle as to why it's gone sour in some segments of the communities.

The Peningon will be a few weeks late in finalizing regulations to ban homosexual conduct in the military. The Defense Department chalked up the delay to paperwork. The new regulations, which were to go into effect Saturday, were supposed to be given to commanders in the field so they would have precise definitions of homosexual conduct. AP. LAT. WP. NYT

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Advocate of Chernobyl Reactor Dies

MOSCOW - Anatoli P. Alexandrov, 90, an academician who led the Soviet effort to develop tragedy, for which he largely ac-Chernobyl-type nuclear reactors, died of cardiac arrest Thursday. Mr. Alexandrov advocated the use of graphite-moderated reactors

like the one that exploded at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in Ukraine in 1986. Western scientists say such reactors do not meet international safety standards.

Described by colleagues as a brilliant scientist and organizer, he was deeply affected by the disaster, the world's worst nuclear accident. It killed at least 32 people and caused widespread radioactive con-

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people were evacuated.

cepted responsibility and blame, said a colleague, Yevgeni Velikhov. But like many other Soviet officials at the time, Mr. Alexandrov initially played down the scope of the disaster and the fact that Soviet reactor designs were faulty.

Mr. Alexandrov became prominent during World War IL when he devised a method of demagnetizing ships to protect them from mines, Mr. Velikhov said.

He was also instrumental in developing the Soviet nuclear-

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tamination. Tens of thousands of powered fleet, both surface vessels

Mr. Alexandrov headed the Kurchatov Institute, Russia's prime nuclear research center, since 1959, and served as president of the Soviet Academy of Sciences 12 years.

Peter Tolstoy, 86, Grandson of Author

GAUTTER. Mississippi (AP) Peter Tolstoy, 86, whose grandfa-ther wrote "War and Peace," died bere Thursday.

child, bad lived in Gauder for the past year with his son, Serge. because of ill bealth.

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Generals **Press Rabin** On Security In PLO Pact

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM - Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin met with his gen-erals Friday to discuss a split between army chiefs and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres over negotiations on security issues with the

The chief of staff, Lieutenant General Ehud Barak, has insisted on army control of Jewish settlements and their immediate environs under the proposed Palestinian autonomy agreement for the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

"Our role is to ensure that any agreement allows our commanders know what is permitted, and what is forbidden," General Barak said on Israeli radio. "It is very important to be precise, detailed

and clear."
The daily Yedioth Ahronoth reported that the general, in a meeting with the prime minister, accused theforeign minister of eroding Israel's positions on securi-ty matters in talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization leader, Yasser Arafat.

Mr. Peres, in turn, said the army was "almost obsessive" on details,

the paper reported.

Mr. Rabin played down the differences: 'We're not discussing issues of principles, but their transla-

tion into the everyday." The prime minister seemed more optimistic than he did after the talks between the foreign minister and Mr. Arafat in Davos, Switzerland, last weekend, when he said an

agreement could take weeks. Mr. Rabin told Israeli radio that his meeting with the army chiefs was "to consolidate what was advanced significantly in the Davos talks when Peres meets Arafat Monday in Cairo.

"But the heart of the security issue has been dealt with in Davos and I hope will be concluded in Cairo," he said.

The radio said Mr. Rabin had rejected the ideas of joint patrols with Palestinian police, Palestinian outposts on the roads leading to the Gush Katif bloc of settlements in the Gaza Strip and did not want any Palestinian customs agents.

The newspaper quoted Nabil Shaath, the chief Palestinian negotiator, as saying of the Davos talks:
"Almost everything was ready and suddenly Peres said: 'I have to make a final call to Rabin.' His face was radiant, be went to make the call. When he returned his face was crestfallen." The newspaper said Mr. Rabin's reaction was in deference to his generals.



Palestinians riding a donkey cart Friday as Gaza Strip observed a general strike to protest the slaying of a guerrilla leader by the Israelis.

Russia Seeks Nearby Focus for Its Peacekeepers

MOSCOW - Defense Minister Pavel S. Grachev appealed Friday for a strong United Nations mandate for Russia to carry out peace-

keeping missions in the former Soviet republics. Speaking to the French defense minister. François Léolard, who is on a two-day visit to Moscow, General Grachev made it clear that Russia hoped to concentrate on this task rather than send more peacekeeping troops elsewhere

"Some Western countries reproach us for

sending too few peacekeepers to Bosnia," he told Mr. Leotard. "But we have already allocated more than 16,000 servicemen to carry out cekeeping missions in the former Soviet Union

"We carry out an important task and deserve a stronger UN mandate to accomplish it," General Grachev said.

Russia, which inherited most of the Soviet Army, has found itself in the cross fire of regional conflicts that have struck former Sovi-et republics since the Soviet Union collapsed in

Last year Russia asked the United Nations to provide it with a formal mandate to run peacekeeping operations throughout the former Soviet Union.

Russian forces became a decisive peacekeeping factor in the South Ossetia region of Geor-

gia. Taiikistan and the Dniestr region of Mol-

But the move drew criticism from some other

former Soviet republics, who have accused Russia of imperialist ambitions.

BOMBAY: The Wild New Game on India's Bourse? Investment Rugby

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the makings of Asia's next bot mar-

"Actually, sir. it's a very quiet day," said a broker, bored enough to guide a visitor through the aromatic maelstrom and introduce a 97-year-old broker making a mar-ket in Sindia Shipping. "You should see them when they work themselves into a frenzy."

Outside, on Dalal Street and in neighboring lanes, the situation was calmer, but no less intense. Tens of thousands of would-be investors shuffled in orderly lines toward a chance to join in a fray that would have seemed unimaginable when, in June 1991, India mounted a reform program to correct its borrible," said Sunil Varma, keeping up, generating mountains deep economic crisis. deep economic crisis. Now, with inflation falling, ex-

ports rising and foreign investors looking covetously at India's surging middle-class spending power, bullishness has spread throughout Bombay and 21 other stock exchanges around the country.

Lines to register applications for new shares in such companies as Zillion Pharmachem and O.K. Play India Ltd. blocked traffic and snaked past stands selling investment tip sheets entitled Rupee Gains and Midweek Financial Wizard. Taxis, their roof racks loaded with still more application forms, ground to a halt.

"It's like this every day and it's tem for stock transactions is aot

Baroda, who spends much of his troversy as foreign institutional intime chasing would-be investors who missed application deadlines. We must be the busiest bank in the world."

In the past 12 months, more than 500 companies went public, joining 7,000 other concerns in India's \$90 billion market. This year, judging from one month alone, there will be more. Amid the constant thumps of form stamping, Mr. Varma's branch is accepting 100,000 new share listing applications a day. The banks, while crowded, are cop-

But a cumbersome clearing sys-

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp., which handles more than 70 brooke said the United States was continuing to cantion Germany percent of the custodial business about contacts with Iran, one of for foreign institutional investors very few areas where the two allies in Indian securities, now refuses "have some significant differnew business and warns its customences," The Associated Press reers that they face increased risk due to the backlog of paperwork.

markets," said Steve Page, senior manager for securities services for the Hongkong Bank in Bombay. "Essentially, institutional investors are putting wholesale money into a

Foreign investors pumped \$1 bil-lion into Indian listed stocks in 1993, most of it in November and December. Analysts agree that the total could climb to at least \$4 billion this year. At the same time, they say that

major changes are required to a verification and registration system. redolent of the bygone British Raj

A transaction involving \$2 million worth of stocks might require 40,000 to 50,000 transfer deeds to be processed. Until a few days ago, each required new tax stamps, three sets of ideotification numbers and two signatures. Although the regulatory Securi-ties and Exchange Board of India has thrown its weight behind the introduction of "jumbo" transfer

deeds for batches of shares and automated stamp and signature franking machines. Mr. Page said the backlog could not be cleared for "a couple of months." Creating much larger blocks of shares for institutional investors is just one move in an ambitious reform effort by the securities board that has charted a collision course

with Bombay's powerful brokers and even led to a 10-day strike in A fully computerized National Stock Exchange has been backed by regulators searching for a way to protect investors from a host of questionable practices that thrive

in the trading turbulence. "For many years the system has worked beautifully," Rajeadra Mehta said. "We don't like to ad-mit it, but SEBI will have its way eventually. I don't think there will

be any more strikes."

say 'no' from the start on cost grounds," Mr. Kinkel said. vestors pour into the market. The **■ Contacts With Iran** Sensex index rose 50 percent in three months.

ported from Washington. He said the United States was "We're saying they must recog-nize India is not like other regional "very concerned" about contacts with supporters of terrorism. The United States and Germany have been working quietly on the issue since October, when both Britain and the United States pub-

> the Iranian and German intelligence chiefs, he said. Without any public accusations, exchanging views and information and climinating misunderstandings and disagreements," he said.

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Calls a Cut

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BONN - Foreign Minister

Klaus Kinkel of Germany criticized a Defense Ministry decision

to cut troop levels, saying in an interview published Friday that it could endanger constitutional mili-

tary obligations.

Defense Minister Volker Rithe

has said that troop strength will be cut to below 350,000 this year,

20,000 fewer than the level agreed

with the World War II victory powers — the United States, the Soviet

The government decided to

make the military bear the brunt of public spending to rein in the defi-cit, and slashed its budget by over 5

percent for 1994.
"I can see the defense minister's

problems," Mr. Kinkel told the Co-

logne daily Express. But 1 believe we should definitely keep a troop strength of 370,000. If we shrink

the army further, sooner or later it will become hard to fulfill our con-

stitutional defense obligation.
"We must decide which troops

we need for which tasks, and then

talk money. Not the other way

round -on the lines of 'how much

money have we got and how many soldiers can we afford?,"

The armed forces commander in

chief has already said the cuts

would affect Germany's security

Mr. Kinkel wants Germany to be

able to expand its military role un-

der UN mandates, with a view to

getting a permanent Security Council seat.

Mr. Rühe has already clashed

with him over the value of UN missions, and he said Germany may have to limit such ambitions in

"If the UN asked us this year to

Ambassador Richard C. Hol-

take part in a mission like the one

in Somalia, we shouldn't have to

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and military options.

Union, Britain and France.

The United States does not object to the European Union's hav-ing "a critical dialogue" with Iran, Mr. Holbrooke said. He used Bonn's description of contact with the Iranian secret police, which Germany said helped gain freedom for nationals from friendly com-

"Essentially we believe that the recent American experience suggests there is very little value and considerable risk in talking to people who support terrorism, and fixed-income securities.
what is done must be done very Edward McKelvey, carefully if at all," he said:

In Britain, Adams Remains Voiceless

By Barry James International Herald Tribune

The British government, angered by what it sees as a public relations coup in New York by Gerry Adams, the political spokesman of the outlawed Irish Republican Army, will continue to ban the broadcasting of his voice.

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Ireland lifted a similar gag last month, hoping to coat Mr. Adams's Sim Fein party into endorsing a British-Irish peace plan for Northern Ireland. But Peter Brooke, the government secretary in charge of media

policy, said in a written answer in the House of Commons on Friday-that the administration "will keep the matter under review." Offi-cials said they were determined to keep Mr. Adams's voice off the air until he formally forswears violence.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher imposed the gag in 1988, saying she wished to deny Irish terrorism the "oxygen of publicity."

The ban applies equally to spokesmen for Protestant terrorist organizations, but does not extend to written material.

British television gets around the ban by having actors with Northern Irish accents speak in synchronization with videotaped.

recordings of Mr. Adams and others. Many viewers complain that this is hypocritical, and journalists say that it prevents them from putting tough questions directly to Mr. Adams. But one official told Renters that the gag was necessary because "it cansed anger and distress in Northern Ireland to hear Mr. Adams's statements after terrorist atrocities."

Prime Minister John Major - whose government has been badly hurt in the eyes of the public by sex and corruption scandals, and because it has just introduced one of the biggest tax increases since World War II — needs the support of Ulster Unionist members of Parliament. They oppose letting Mr. Adams have any more publicity than he already has.

The British hand-wringing was markedly different from the atti-tude in Ireland, which made no objection to Mr. Adams's New York visit. The Irish government last month lifted a 20-year ban on broadcasting the voices of IRA spokesmen. The Dublin government hopes that this will increase dialogue surrounding a proposed British-lish agreement to end 15 years of sectarian conflict in the six counties of Northern Ireland.

JAPAN: Hosokawa's Tax Debacle

"people's welfare tax," but he could barely keep a straight face when reporters demanded an ex-planation of the difference between the two levies.

Even though the increase would not take place until 1997, and even though it was designed to finance an immediate \$55 billion tax cut to stimulate Japan's slumping economy, the move set off a rebellion within the seven coalition parties. Their leaders complained that they had not been properly consulted about the enormously controversial

Faced with a walkout by the Social Democratic Party and anger among other close allies, the prime. minister gave in to a decision Friday by the party leaders to shelve the proposal — both the tax increase and the tax cut -at least for

Perhaps most disheartening from the standpoint of those in Washington and elsewhere who have been hoping to see Mr. Ho-sokawa seriously challenge the busokawa seriously challenge the bu-reaucracy, his policy serued al-cuil acknowledged that the actual most scripted by the Ministry of achievements of the animit meet-Finance, whose mandarins are regarded as Tokyo's most powerful

order to keep Japan's hard-won budget balance intact, my bill to cut taxes now must include a spe-

cific provision to raise enough tax-es later to cover the shorifall.

Accordingly, Mr. Hosokawa came in for taunts from critics like Shim Ohide, a top Socialist official, who demanded: "Why did he have to give in to the Finance Ministry?" Government officials expressed

assurances that a compromise on taxes would be reached Monday so that a stimulus package — which was supposed to be unveiled Thursday - could be completed. Not having tax cuts in such a package "would be like Hamlet without the Prince of Denmark," said Tsutomu Tanaka, deputy minister of the Economic Planning Ageocy. But the intraconduon rift has

raised doubts about whether Mr. Hosokawa will be able to present Mr. Clinton with a stimulus plan that the president can get enthusiastic about. Washington has been pressing Tokyo to get its economy out of recession so more foreign goods can be sold in Japan.

ing may be far from satisfactory, but we hope that the general di-The ministry has insisted that in will be accepted by Mr. Clinton."

RATES: 5-Year Drop Is Reversed

to stay the course and tighten a bit will take longer because investors more, the bond boys will come over and kiss him on both checks.

will take longer because investors will ask how much more tightening the Fed has to do to contain infla-

Although rising interest rates depress bond prices, the long-term but some goal of containing inflation would eventually improve the value of to move less to mov

Edward McKelvey, an economist with Goldman, Sachs & Co.,

McCain 3d. an Arizona Republi-

Continued from Page 1 ... said his firm still expected lower Kahan, of Fuji Securities in Chica-long-term bond rates, although the go. "If Greenspan shows he's ready Federal Reserve's timing means it

> But some economists said that by moving early, the Fed will have To Wall Street, Mr. Greenspan's

motives for moving so quickly were still uncertain. Consumer price inflation last year was only 2.7 percent, and few upward pressures are

But economists pointed out that the employment figures showed the average of hours worked per week moving toward its upper limits, from 34.5 to 34.8, and manufacturing overtime hours literally at war-time highs, possibly presaging in-flationary pressures on wages.

Democrat who won the Silver Star as a patrol-boat commander in the Mekong Delta, and John S.

have pushed relentlessly for the

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But it took more than that; it took a political strategy. That was cobbled together largely by Win-ston Lord, the assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific affairs, who persuaded Hanoi to provide enough answers to the vexed question of prisoners of war and servicemen still missing to enable Mr. Clinton to win the support of important public figures who had the credibility on Vietnam that he did not.

Among those, by far the most important were a pair of senators — John F. Kerry, a Massachusetts

can, the son and grandson of admirals, who bailed out of his naval attack plane after it was hit over North Victnam and spent five and a half years in an enemy prison "I feel we are finally putting this

HISTORY: End of a Sad Ordeal

war behind us, as we have put every war behind us," Senator McCain said by telephone from his home in Phoenix. "A nation must do that, and I am grateful to have survived to see it, when so many of my friends did not. I feel it is in our interest to have a strong counterweight to China, the growing mili-tary and economic power in the region, and I feel this will help us a lot economically." Another who served in Vietnam.

emphasized the geopolitical aspect. We really need to have a rela-tionship with these people, not for the past but for the future," said Frank Wisner, a career diplomat, now a senior Defense Department official, who was a provincial adviser in the Highlands. "Vietnam is a key actor along the Pacific Rim as we, they, the Chinese and others in the area head into the next centu-

A scholar who studied U.S. troops during the war and has studied them since foresaw another

"Not many people realize it yet," said Charles Moskos of Northwestern University, one of the country's leading military sociologists. but this will do what the peace treaty-never did. More Americans will go to Vietnam. They will see how much the Victnamese people like and Americans, and how many sup-ported the American intervention. ported the American intervention.

That will redound to the credit of the Victnam veterans and of the serving military today.

If so, the president's action will push of the push of the closing of a credit of the credit o

truly represent the closing of a chapter in U.S. history.

STENO: Changing Roles Continued from Page 1

Association of Working Women. "You don't see Miss Gordon trotting into an office with her steno pad taking a letter. Those days are

Yet just as these super sides tes-Yet, just as these super stores res-tify to the opportunities created by technology, they represent only the bright side. The darker picture in-cludes all the secretaries who could not adapt or were not needed any longer. The higher skill require-ments and narrowed opportunities have limited what was once a traditional job choice for high school raduates, especially women.
These days college degrees are

becoming the norm. Aspiring office assistants must master an array of database, word-processing and spreadsheet software. The deep recession that drove

corporations to pare executive ranks also cost many secretaries their jobs. But some companies, recognizing that secretaries were a relative bargain, hung on to them, moving them into tasks once re-

served for more senior positions. Those who did not feel threatened by the technology have beformation gatekeepers, bluring the once-distinct line between them



Classified Valentine Message Contest

Every year on February 14th, more and more people use the Trib's classified section to send a greeting to the Valentine of their choice and some of them get pretty creative.

This inspired us to have some fun with our readers by launching a contest for the most original classified Valentine. Here's how it works. Print your classified message on the form

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nearest IHT office together with your remittance or your credit card reference. Your ad will run on

Valentine's day Monday, February 14th and that evening the jury will meet to select the winners.
The results will be published in the IHT'S edition of Monday, February 21st.

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Britain Isn't So Great, **A Mocking** China Says

BEIJING - A gloating China said Friday that Britain was on a long-term political and economic decline and faced a crisis with its most important diplomatic part-ners — the United States, Europe

and the Commonwealth. In a signed essay on its international page, the Communist Party newspaper People's Daily called these the three main foreign policy challenges facing Prime Minister

John Major's government. Accompanying the essay was a cartoon of a skinny old nearsighted lion with greying mane, spectacles and walking stick staring at a por-trait of himself in an earlier age as a

ferocious, roaring lion with sharp teeth and full black mane. "To remember is unbearable." the caption read. Diplomats said the essay reflected Beijing's anger at London's re-fusal to drop efforts to widen de-

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mocracy in Hong Kong before the British colony is handed over to Chinese rule in 1997.

The glorious days of Britain are in the past," the essay said, "Economic figures show that its indus-

try is fast declining, and its share of world manufacturing output, trade and gross national product is dropping rapidly."
In recent years this economic

decline has become serious," it said, "so that now it is very hard to

Britain's decline has been hastened by the end of the Cold War, the essay said, because the influ-

ence of economic power is growing rapidly while that of military power has sparked Britain's foreign affairs crisis, according to the essay, which was signed by a People's Daily writer, Chen Tean.

Since World War II, he wrote,

Britain has never been more than a. reluctant member of Europe and remains hesitant and uncommitted . to European unity despite the rise of Germany as a unified and in-

creasingly influential power. And there is strain in London's vaunted "special relationship" with the United States as Washington has been cultivating closer links with Germany and Asia. London and Washington have growing dif-ferences on economic and political policy, it said, diverging over the former Yugoslavia and Northern

The essay noted with glee that
London had attacked U.S. plans to
send a peace mission to Northern
Incland as funterference in Britain's "internal affairs" -- a Beijing uses to counter U.S. critics of its human-rights policies.
Washington's decision to grant a

visa to Geny Adams, leader of the Irish Republican Army's political wing, Sinn Pein, has also angered London.

London.

The newspaper said British power and credibility were shipping in the Commonwealth, citing Austra-

lia's plans to become a republic. It said that the festering diplomatic rift over Hong Kong was troubling British businessmen, who fear they are being frozen out of

lucrative contracts in China. Worse, it said, British industry's main European competitors Germany, France, Italy and Spain - have normalized relations with Beijing and enjoy profitable eco-



PRICE PROTEST — Supporters of the opposition Bharatiya Janata Party clashing Friday with New Delhi policemen as they tried to march on Parliament. The police arrested about 4,000 of the demonstrators, who were protesting price increases on basic goods.

Japan Comes of Age in Space Made-at-Home Rocket Launches 2 Satellites

By Andrew Pollack

New York Times Service TOKYO - In a declaration of independence from the U.S. space program. Japan on Friday aunched its first large rocket built

solely with its own technology. The H-2 rocket blasted off at 7:20 A.M. from Tanegashima, an island in southern Japan. The powerful but complex first-stage engine, which was dogged during its development by explosions, fires and faulty welds, appeared to perform flawlessly, although complete data was not yet available.

Within half an hour of lift-off, the H-2 released its cargo of two

test spacecraft. One of them, known as the Orhital Re-entry Experiment, or OREX, is designed to test ceramic tiles and other items that will be used to prevent Japan's space sbutthe atmosphere. The OREX is to circle the Earth once and then reenter the atmosphere, splashing down in the Pacific.

The other craft is a test satellite that will operate for only about 100 nours, hasically to confirm that the H-2 is capable of putting a satellite into orbit. The Vehicle Evaluation Payload, as it is called, entered into an elliptical "transfer" orbit that is used to move satellites from low

Earth orbit into geosynehronous itself from reliance on U.S. technology miles) above the Earth.

Japan now boasts one of the world's most modern and powerful

most expensive. "After 10 years of development, we see the launch has been safely completed," Takashi Matsui, vice president of the National Space Development Agency of Japan, said at the agency's headquarters here. "At last, we have reached world-class level."

The 50-meter (164-foot) rocket is the first one made by Japan that can lift large communications and Earth-observing satellites into or-

Moreover, freed from restrietions that came from relying on the United States for rocket technology, Japan will be able to compete in the commercial satellite-launching business. It will also be able to orbit its own military reconnaissance satellites, an idea it has begun considering again recently so that it does not have to rely solely on the United States for information on crises like the threat from North

Korea's nuclear program.

Development of the H-2, which cost about \$2.4 billion, represents the culmination of years of effort by Japan's space agency to wean

"If we have no vehicle, it is like a navy without ships," said Dr. Shigebumi Saito, a professor emerius launching vehicles, albeit one of the at the University of Tokyo and former high commissioner of Japan's Space Activities Commission.

The H-2 can deliver a 2,000-kilogram (4,400-pound) satellite into geosynchronous orbit, 36,152 kilometers above the equator, or a 10,000-kilogram payload into low Earth orbit, 250 kilometers from the surface.

But the prospects for launching commercial satellites is very much in doubt. Launching costs for the H-2 are as much as twice that of the Arianc-4 rocket of the European consortium Arianespace. The con-sortium launches about half of the 20 commercial satellites sent up

Ministers Unhurt in Crash

MOSCOW — A Russian government limousine carrying Defense Minister Pavel S. Grachev and his French counterpart, François Léo-tard, was involved in a collision near Moscow on Friday but neither man was burt, Iter-Tass said.

Hanoi Welcomes 'a New Page'

Vietnam Pledges Full Help on Missing U.S. Servicemen

By William Branigin

Washington Past Service: HANOI — Vietnam promised Friday to "continue to cooperate fully with the United States in solving the issue of missing Ameri-can servicemen after the lifting of a U.S. trade embargo. They agreed to the establishment of haison offices in Washington and Hanoi "as a transitional step toward full diplomatic relations."

In a statement on President Bill Clinton's decision Thursday to lift the embargo, Vietnam's Foreign Ministry hailed the move as "a pos-itive and significant decision" that opens "a new page in U.S.-Vietnam

But in a news conference after regard Vietnam as a friend," he reading the statement, Deputy Foreign Minister Le Mai curily rejected Mr. Clinton's remarks that the decision was not "irreversible" and that the embargo could be reim-

United Airlines Planning to Fly L.A.-Vietnam

The Associated Press CHICAGO -- United Airlines said it would begin ser-vice to Ho Chi Minh City, pending government approv-

United has U.S. operating anthority for the service through rights acquired from now-defunct Pan American World Airways in 1986. Air-line officials say they will seek corresponding operating au-thority from the Victnamese

United said it plans to offer and Ho Chi Minh City, the former Saigon.

posed if Hanoi fell short in helping to account for Americans missing from the Vietnam War.

he said Friday. "I think the embargo decision will enhance that effort."

from the Vietnam War. "The embargo is a backward policy," he said. "It is a policy of power. The embargo is not consistent with international law. No na-

obstacles to setting up diplomatic haison offices or settling mutual claims worth hundreds of millions of dollars. But he said progress in normalizing relations was essentially up to the United States. We hope the United States will

In Hanoi, public reaction to the news was subdued. People appeared generally to be happy about it, but not demonstrative. In interviews, Vietnamese expressed hope that the end of the embargo would

mean more jobs, more American imported goods, greater competition and lower prices.
Two decades after the Vietnam War ended in the Communist takeover of U.S.-backed South Vietnam and in American deteat, w loss of 58,000 lives, Vietnam is a different place. Most of its population now is too young to remember the war, and there is little animos-

ity toward Americans. Although still governed by a Communist Party that tolerates to political opposition, the country has embraced free-market economic reforms with a vengeance and revived itself from a virtual economic carcass to become one of Asia's potential "tiger" economic Ending the embargo "will help the mission at hand," said Lieutenant Colonel John Cray, the commander of a U.S. military detachment in Hanoi charged with

accounting for the missing service-men. "We believe Vietnamese co-

operation is at a peak right now,"

IES: A Life of Sacheverell Sitwell By Sarah Bradford. 486 pages. \$35. Farrar Straus Giroux.

HE saga of the Sitwell family would make an excellent sub-

ject for a film by Monty Python, The

main interests are horse racing, cock

next generation until a massive coal

seam is discovered under the family

estate. The new mine rains down

coal dust on the Hall, covering its

exterior with grime and blackening

and organizes literary events at which she stands behind a curtain

and recites poetry through a mega-

He said that in the last month, Reviewed by Vietnamese cooperation had been Michael Shelden amply demonstrated by the largest of 27 joint searches so far, in which more than 100 U.S. personnel conducted 88 investigations, including story begins with the Regency dan-dy Sir Sitwell Sitwell of Renishaw Hall, who fritters away a fortune 14 excavations of crash or burial sites. Colonel Cray said Vietnamese soldiers assigned to the effort led Americans through mine fields along the Cambodian border, derived from the iron-nail trade. His fighting and fox hunting. His spend-thrift ways darken the lives of the worked with U.S. teams in malarial jungles and beiped pull 14 unex-ploded 100-pound bombs from an airplane crash site. wealth on the Victorian Sitwells and

The cooperation is unprecedented," Colonel Cray said. He said the 28th joint search is scheduled to start later this month, ed to start later this month.

Some 2,238 Americans are still the trees and grass.

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But from this blighted landscape.

Some 2.238 Americans are situal officially listed as unaccounted for since the war, 1,647 of them in Victuam. But U.S. investigators were sin the early years of our century. The oldest, Edith Sitwell, century, The oldest, Edith Sitwell, and the fale of all but 73 of those lost in Vietnam, offi-

In his press conference Friday, Mr. Mai sought to allay American concerns that, with the embargo lifted, Hanoi would no longer feel compelled to maintain its efforts in the MIA search. "We will continue to cooperate

fully with the United States under political circumstances," he said. He said Vietnam shared American families "sorrow and griel" and would continue to regard the MIA issue as a "humanitarian one."

Casablanca Mosque Opens

CASABLANCA, Morocco The Hassan Grand Mosque, which has the world's tallest minaret, can accommodate 25,000 worshipers and cost more than \$500 million, was opened to the public for the first time on Friday.

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phone. She has an unfortunate ten-SPLENDORS AND MISERdency to plagiarize in ber nonfiction prose, but her early poetry disregards all models, even at the risk of being completely unintelligible.

Edith's broiner Osbert, whom she calls Dagobert in her poem "Colo-nial Fantock," discovers his poetic calling during a childhood holiday at the seaside and later concludes that the salamander is the symbol of all art. His promising literary career an art, rus promising interary career is interrupted by the Great War, and he is sent off to the treaches, where he has a hard time adjusting to military life. "Do you like borses?" a friendly officer asks, "No, but I adors similar." Others replies

adore giraffes," Osbert replies.

And then there is Edith's youngest brother whose full name and title in later years will constitute one of the better tongue-twisters in literary history: Sir Sacheverell Sitwell. Sachie, as his friends call him, is a friendly coap who will eventu-ally write 70 books but who will never escape from the enormous shadows cast by his brother and sister, and by his unstable parents. Writing to his future wife - Georgia - the young man reveals some trepidation about a meeting between ber and his parents in Flor-ence. "My mother is tall, dark, &

thin, always with a black cocker spaniel, & my father has, as you knew, a red beard. Be careful with them, won't you?"

Sachie's anxiety is justified. His mother. Lady lda, is a convicted felon. She is also the daughter of the first Earl of Londesborough (a cricket enthusiast who dies mysteriously of psittacosis, a "rare disease transmitted by parrots"), but ber noble breeding cannot save her from the bumiliation of spending three months in Holloway Prison for conspiracy to defrand a Miss Dobbs of Streatham Common. It is all a big mistake, according to the children, out eccentric Sir George Sitwell -Lady ida's husband and the father of her three poets - refuses to belp his wife avoid a jail sentence.

Although the marriage survives this unpleasant episode, it remains a troubled union. Lady Ida begins spiking her lemonade with gin, and Sir George decides to close off one wing of the house because he considers it haunted. Asked for an opinion of his employers, Moat the butler observes, "Sir George is the strangest old bugger you ever met, and as for poor old Ida, she doesn't know whether she's coming or going." Sarah Bradford's biography of

Sachie is a hugely entertaining book, but it would be an even bettet one if she did not take the story so seriously. Worst of all, she has no patience for the delightful satirists who took aim at the preten-sions of the Sitwells. One of these, Noël Coward, bad great fun mocking them in his tevue "London Calling," which features the poetess Hernia and ber brothers Gob and Sago in "the Swiss Family

All the same, Bradford deserves high praise for her assiduous research, which has brought together a rich fund of Sitwell anecdotes. Great writers they were not, but as great comic figures they are well worth remembering.

Michael Shelden, who has written books on Cyril Connolly and George Orwell, wrote this for The Washing-

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Clinton's Korean Tightrope

President Bill Clinton has to walk a tight-rope to conduct nuclear diplomacy in Korea. In considering military deployments to reas-sure South Korea, Mr. Clinton must take care not to rattle a suspicious and unpredictable North Korea. His pending decision to dispatch Patriot missiles to the South has alarmed the North. True, the Patriots, which defend against missile attack, pose no threat to Pyongyang. But given their hit-and-miss record in the Gulf, they may do more to guard Mr. Clinton from assaults by hawks at home than to protect air bases in South Korea. So why rush their delivery?

South Korea's military also wants to shore up its defenses with Apache helicopters and other capabilities that could be used to attack the North. Such deployments are unduly pro-vocative. Why give hard-liners in the North reason to derail the delicate negotiations and keep building bombs?

The South Korean military cannot resist saber-rattling. The Defense Ministry in Seoul now says it intends to hold Team Spirit military exercises this year, conducted jointly with the United States, if the North does not allow international nuclear inspections to resume. U.S. and South Korean diplomats preferred to reassure North Korea by promising suspension of Team Spirit as an inducement for the North to allow access to its nuclear sites.

For its part, North Korea is doling out access to the nuclear sites in small doses

diplomatic recognition, increased trade and other benefits. But further delay and increasingly vitriolic threats to break off talks are only sowing doubts about North Korea's intentions; it would be wise to deliver the next dose now.

Pyongyang promised Washington to admit international inspectors to all seven of its declared sites, as often as necessary, to assure that the reactors remain scaled and no nuclear material has been diverted since the last inspection. But regular inspections that would examine the sites more thoroughly would not resume until high-level talks are held with the United States. And inspections of two suspected nuclear waste sites in the North, which could shed further light on whether it has a

tomb, remain to be negotiated.

The North has not yet agreed with the International Atomic Energy Agency on procedures to carry out its pledge. It says the agency wants to inspect more than is necessary to assure continued monitoring. American officials agency it is up to the present to can officials say it is up to the agency to determine what it needs to see. But is checking the reactor core really necessary?

Mr. Clinton must be careful to reassure South Korea without threatening North Ko-rea. But those in North Korea who want nuclear diplomacy to succeed cannot expect Mr. Clinton to walk the tightrope forever. -THE NEW YORK TIMES.

What Formula for Russia?

He Still Hedges on Terror

Ever since the Soviet Union collapsed two years ago, the West has been anxiously looking for a strategy to aid Russia - one that would promote rapid reform. Now things are going hadly, after the unpromising election results in December and the departure of most of the reformers from the government.

In Washington, fingers are inevitably being pointed at the International Moretary Fund, which has been designated the main conduit of aid. In the various packages of aid that the Western democracies have promised, the IMF was to have provided \$14 billion in loans to Russia. In fact, it has delivered only \$2.5 billion. The accusation is that if IMF bureaucrats had not been so cautious and defensive, greater help for the reformers might have made a crucial difference. Now the IMF's managing director, Michel Camdessus, has delivered a bristling response, arguing that while his staff continues to work closely with the Russians, the rules of lending have to be enforced.

If the West had wanted to take greater risks -risks of losing serious amounts of money in a more forceful effort to lubricate reform in Russia — it should have provided grants, oot loans. But oone of the rich democracies except Germany was prepared to send large grants. Because of their budget troubles at home, they chose instead to offer loans through a technical international agency that, to protect its

President Bill Clinton changed his mind

and bent the no-visas-for-terrorists law in

finally admitting Gerry Adams, a man he had

described only two months earlier as being, by

"credible evidence," "involved at the highest level in devising IRA strategy"; the Irish Re-

publican Army is the terrorist side of Mr.

Adams's Sinn Fein political party in Northern

Ireland. It was daring and right that Mr. Clinton took this step, since it allowed Ameri-

cans to take their own measure of a key figure

in a hitter struggle that matters deeply

terrible show. He may have won sympathy in some quarters for the IRA/Sinn Fein pro-

gram of uniting the sovereign Irish state of

Ireland with the sovereign British territory of

Northern Ireland. But he fudged and equivo-

Professing peace, Mr. Adams kept calling for a British "elarification" of the joint decla-

ration of December, by which the British and

Irish prime ministers bravely undertook to launch a new peace initiative. But the whole

thrust of his comments indicated that he seeks

not a clarification but a fundamental alter-

ation of the declaration in order to impose a

Whether President Bill Clinton was right fin

admitting Gerry Adams] to reverse 19 years of

U.S. policy, infuriate the country's most

sharpen the Republican Party's negative cam-

paigning in 1992. But Mr. Major overcame that to become Mr. Clinton's most dependable ally

in world politics, and now he is alienated

Clinton's Wager on Adams

right. If it doesn't, he blew it.

cated on the two crucial considerations.

What they saw was Mr. Adams putting on a

to many Americans.

money, lends only under clearly stated conditions. The chief condition is a more successful attack on inflation than the Russians have been able to accomplish.

That is not the only danger in trying to aid the Russian government amid the present turmoil. Because of the inflation, there has been a great flight of capital out of Russia new wealth being stashed in bank accounts abroad. By some calculations, the flight of capital outward has been similar in amount to the flow of aid inward. The turmoil and lack of sophisticated financial controls in the Russian government limit the ntility of many kinds of foreign aid. All this also suggests the constraints on aid in the form of loans that presumably have to be paid back.

The final verdict on the Western aid effort over the past two years is likely to focus less on the IMF than on the hesitancies and limited generosity of its leading sponsors, the Western democracies, and their anxiety to convey most of the aid in forms that would not appear on their own budgets. That attitude has not fit well with the chaotic and inflationary conditions in a oewly independent country moving toward a market economy that its politicians only half understand. For the United States, the question now is whether to persist with more of the same or to consider trying other approaches.

united Ireland, with oo further British pres-

ence, on the resistant Protestant majority in

Northern Ireland. This the British and Irish

have pledged not to do.

Then Mr. Adams time and again declined to

unambiguously renounce terrorism, which is

the clear and necessary condition that the Brit-

ish and Irish governments set for Sinn Fein's

participation in talks on the future of Northern

Ireland. In other words, Mr. Adams is talking

peace but preserving the option of violence in order to serve the IRA/Sinn Fein formula for

peace. It is interesting to speculate on why he hedges, but that he does hedge is something

Americans have now heard for themselves.

Sinn Fem is supported by a substantial minority, perhaps 40 percent, of the Catholic

minority in Northern Ireland. In addition, it

has to be granted that the IRA, for all its

disabilities, retains a capacity to inflict a terri-

ble punishment — on top of the 3,000 dead

already recorded on both sides in the past 25

years. So there remains a pressing need to keep trying to bring Sinn Fein into talks in a

context not sullied by IRA terrorism. It is a

pity Mr. Adams abused his signal opportunity

Mr. Adams, president of the political arm of the Irish Republican movement, said nothing

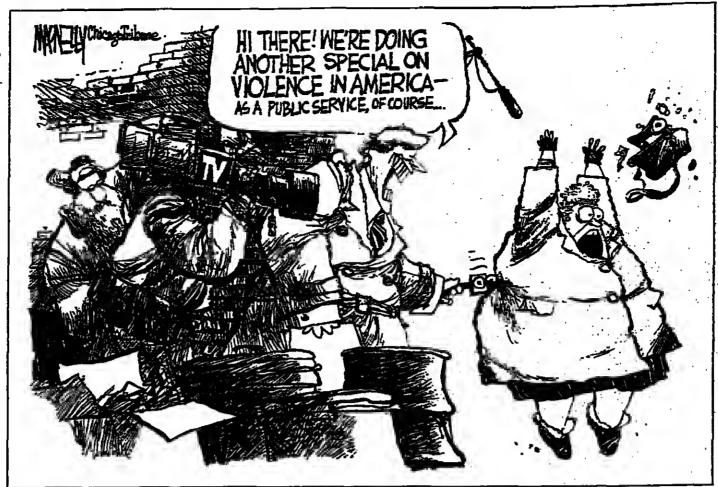
of consequence in the United States. His visit

was fundamentally unimportant. What is im-

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to contribute to this goal.

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Seeking a Fair Solution Based on Bosnian Analysis

WASHINGTON — Out in the country, where he goes to speak monthly, Secretary of State Warren Christopher finds that no nne asks about Bosnia anymore. Nor is it or any other regional dispute among his own "strategic priorities" — economic security, Russia, Europe and NATO, Asia, the Middle East and nonproliferation.

Yet he is conducting in Bosnia a salient test of the new diplomacy of high gesture and low com-mitment that global change and shrinking re-sources now force upon the American approach tn much world disorder.

For some time the drift of American thinking has been to regard the Muslim-led government of Bosnia as the war's chief victim and to resist by diplomatic means the forced imposition of a settlement on it. With international negotiators now nearing on it. With international negotiators now nearing such a settlement, Washington has distanced itself, creating a small pocket of political space in which the militarily revived Muslims can light on. This has produced a sharp dispute with the Europeans. They wish to stop the fighting with minimal further costs (refugees, casualties, budget, commerce, oerves, escalation) to themselves.

Is it not strange to form a separate American policy toward what the United States has termed a "European problem"? Bosnia is not "European" in a humanitarian sense, ootes Mr. Christopher in an interview, citing the buge American aid contribu-tion. Nor in the importance of containing the conflict. Nor do Europeans claim the problem is strictly theirs: They are desperate for an American role, and they are getting one, though it is oot to put the screws oo the Muslims.

WASHINGTON - Wheo Tonya Harding publicly

confessed to hiding knowledge of

the attack on Nancy Kerrigan, she

said, "Many of you will be unable

to forgive me for that. It will be difficult to forgive myself." And "I

know I have let you down, but I have also let myself down."

As a longtime student of the

American way of confession, I find this one fascinating. The themes are self-betrayal and self-forgiveness.

They reflect perfectly a culture in

which one to longer sins against God, natural law, the moral order, society or even one's fellow man,

In a zeitgeist that worships self

above all, you may have let other

people down but the ultimate sin is to have let yourself down. It follows that

the ultimate virtue is to make peace

not with your victims but with your-

self. Thus Jame Alpert, a '60s radical jailed for several bombings, reflects on her years in prison: "Ultimately, I

spent many years in therapy, learning

to understand, to tolerate and forgive

This from a woman who partici-

pated in bombings that injured 21

people. And why not? In a culture of

grotesque self-absorption, the crimi-nal's psychic restoration is at least as

both others and myself."

but against oneself.

By Stephen S. Rosenfeld

Some Americans believe that Washington should give the Muslims the boost of lifting on its own the United Nations arms embargo. The embargo keeps Muslims, despite recent acquisitions, inferior to Croats and especially to Serbs in battlefield arms. But here Mr. Christopher acknowledges a telling check on American flexibility: The embargo operates very unfairly; but least of all on a resolution the United States voted for does it wish to set an example of picking and choosing among UN resolutions — an example others might apply to,

say, Iraq or Haiti. If things go well for the Muslims on the battlefield, then a complicated U.S. calculus opens. The American government does not want to take on the responsibility of instructing Muslims how far to go or when to stop. But the secretary hopes they will come to a steady view of their territorial requirements and not move the goalposts - nor bite off more than they can chew.

Things could also go badly for the Muslims on the battlefield if the latest reported incursions by Serbis's and Croatia's regular forces meet success. Then another calculus of American diplomacy takes hold. One part of it is to convey credible warnings of economic and political penalty to Serbia and Croatia. A second is to help the Bosnians in an understanding that this struggle must finally end at the conference table. Mr. Christopher is aware that any political set-tlement in Bosnia must reflect the power balance

When Everyone Is a Victim and No One Must Pay

By Charles Krauthammer

important as the victim's - and far

more interesting.
When Lorena Bobbitt was ac-

quitted for the admitted sexual mu-tilation of her husband, her lawyer

came before the microphones and

called the verdict "a giant step for-

ward for Lorena in the healing pro-cess. She really needs healing." She? Four days later, Michael Jack-

son's lawyer announced a multi-milion dollar settlement for alleged

child molestation with: "Michael

wants to get on with his life and let the healing process begin." Mi-chael's healing. And the kid's?

When everyone is a victim — in need of "healing" — no one is a

victim. We have come to the reductio

ad absurdum of the "root cause"

explanation for crime. Once, root

causes were said to be poverty, job-

lessness, discrimination — the ex-cuses you hear after a riot.

But how are the middle classes to

This is not to say that there is never a psychological derangement

that ments acquittal, even empathy.

I thought appropriate the acquittal of John Hinckley. He was clearly deranged and dehisional, and not

But the Menendez brothers?

These young men, who shot their rich parents and then belatedly but

tearfully claimed to have done so

because of child abuse, have won

two hung juries. If they get away with murder, it is time for us to

The classic definition of chutzpah

is a person who murders his parents

and then demands mercy from the

court on the grounds that he is an orphan. This is meant to be a joke.

Yet the following occurred at the Menendez trial: The prosecutor,

cross-examining a psychologist brought by the defense, pointed out that Lyle Menendez bought \$15,000

responsible for his actions.

return to the caves.

established on the battlefield. He accepts that in the Balkans, memories are long, angels few and political deals vulnerable to revision. But he judges that there is a better chance a settlement may stick if it is based on Bosnia's own analysis, not in the first instance the European Union's, of what the traffic will bear.

An active international military role in Bosnia remains a remote prospect, most people feel, even-if a few token air strikes are eventually made. So the prime international lever remains sanctions. Mr. Christopher understands that the neighboring countries are sanction-weary. He is open to measures that would lighten their burden but keep some leverage available against Serbia and Croatia. The purpose would be to support the Muslims in Bosma, to address the Serbian occupation of parts of Croatia and to stiffen the threat of warcrimes prosecutions all around.

He is sensitive to the criticism, notably from the French, that acting even indirectly to prolong the war is oot "moral." The secretary does not much like the word. Ever the lawyer, he prefers a standard of fairness. It is unfair, he says, to impose a settlement on Bosnia without trying to take account of what is researched form its standard. count of what is reasonable from its standpoint.

I think he is on the mark, Bosnia may not have a

priority grip on Mr. Christopher, but Mr. Christopher does now have a working grip on Bosnia. His diplomacy may look like pushing phantom chips around a board where others are risking and taking real lives. But this is the hand that the current American temper has dealt him.

The Washington Post.

produced meant he had lost his fa-

ther. He no longer had this person he

loved." We are meant to feel sorry

for Lyle because, after all, he had just

lost his father. How did he lose him?

Owing to "the conditions that had been produced" - a spectacular en-

phemism for patricide. So we are to

explain this apparent act of disre-

spect (flaunting inherited wealth at father's funeral) as the response of a despendent child who had just been orphaned — from parents he

As Yogi Berra said upon learning

that the mayor of Dublin was Jew-ish, "Only in America."

But this joke is dangerous. Our obsession with the psychic welfare of

the victimizer leaves us philosophi-

cally defenseless against crime.
When the victimizer is nothing more than another victim, justice is impossible. Lorena Bobbitt walks. The Mo-

had just murdered!

Something **More Than Just Hope**

By Anthony Lewis

B OSTON — "Like everything else," Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said, "the economy is n matter of psychology." And the psychology of peace, he said — the belief that the conflict between Israel and its neigh-bors is at last coming to an end --- has "Israel is going through one of its best periods economically." Mr. Peres told a press breakfast in Bos-

reres told a press oreastast in Boston. "It has 7 percent growth, I think the best figure in the West. The impact" of peacemaking with the PLO, he said, "has been very positive."

Reports from Israel confirm the picture of a boom Breimers and picture of a boom. Businesspeople there, and investors, had reckoned that Israel could never be a real part

of the new world economy without stability in the region around it. Now a stable region seems possible, and investors are responding.

But what are the prospects for the negotiations with the PLO? reporters asked Mr. Peres. The breakthrough in September was supposed to lead to a desailed apprepart by December but

detailed agreement by December, but the talks are still going on.

"Most of the complicated issues are behind us," Mr. Peres said. But it

are beaund us," Mr. Peres said. But it is a difficult negotiation, involving as it does "Palestinian dignity and Israeli security. And what we call security they call dignity."

He ducked a question about whether a final agreement could be reached by next week. Whenever it was known. by next week. Whenever it was, he said, it could be carried out quickly. The original target was for implementation by April, with the Palestinians then taking over administration of Jericks and the Country of the co

icho and the Gaza Strip. Mr. Peres's tone was optimistic, more upbeat than I have ever heard

Peres's tone was the most optimistic I have ever heard from him.

him. He foresaw great changes in the Arab world, with countries moving toward more modern economies and

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more open societies.
"Dictatorahip is a tremendous waste of money," he said. "Only rich countries can afford it."

Among the costs of autocracy he listed censorship, the cutting down of individual emerpise, corruption and the maintenance of the cult of personality. He said people everywhere were less willing to pay the price, and to live in misery, because they now could see how others in the world live. "What brought down the Soviet Union was not a political party or a military coup-but the winds of information. And that is happening everywhere."

One reason President Hafez Assad has moved, he said, is that Syria has

an emerging middle class and has young people who see television and compare their lives with others.

The other reason is that the Soviet Union is gone, and Mr. Assad needs

new relationships.
"I wouldn't say that he's drawn all the necessary conclusions," Mr. Peres said; that remains to be tested.

The problem for Israelis and Arabs and everyone, he said, is the psycho-logical one of adjusting to a new world. "People usually prefer to re-member than to think."

He rejected what a questioner said was strenuous opposition from some Orthodox Jews to the idea of peace with the Palestinians. We are determined, he said, "not to become a dominating nation — something we have never been in history."

Readers of the Bible might raise an eyebrow at Mr. Peres's history, since many passages celebrate military vic-tories. But what matters is the attitude of the present Israeli govern-ment. "We must decide on our destiny," he said, "and the Palestinians on theirs."

He said Israel was trying to "build a regional economy, one that will help Arab countries even more than us." Israelis understand, he said, that poverty is destabilizing.

It's No Plot — It's Simply How Bigotry Is Exposed

portant is the Anglo-Irish agreement negotiated by Mr. Major and the Irish prime minister, Albert Reynolds. It is the only hope for Irish steadlast ally and overrule the CIA and State Department depends entirely on whether the IRA calls a permanent cease-fire soon. If it reconciliation. Ulster Unionists and the IRA have refrained from signing on, without refus-ing to dn so. Mr. Adams's game is to demand British "clarifications" in hopes of showing that Britain negotiated with him before the does, Mr. Clinton can claim to have been Mr. Clinton is entitled to dislike Prime Minister John Major, whose Conservative Party intervened scandalously in American politics to IRA agreed to a cease-fire (if it does).

Mr. Clinton's contribution to Irish history will be judged on whether he helped or hindered that agreement.

- The Baltimore Sun.



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N EW YORK — Time magazine IN has printed a news story disclos-ing that fighting black anti-Semitism by asking black leaders to stand against it is a way of "enforcing racial correctness" and, "it might be ar-gued, is just another kind of bigotry." Yes, that is what Time actually says. Page 37, issue predated Feb. 7.

In its news section is a story about how an anti-Semitic speech made by a "semi-obscure" spokesman of the Nation of Islam before just a "few-dozen" college students is made into a big deal. It becomes pressure against "black leaders across the country," and that "rankles" with "some" blacks. It comes at a bad time for black-Jewish relations, says Time, particularly in New York, always "fretting" about race.

Then the "news story" discloses "how it works" - first the speech, then the columnists A. M. Rosenthal of The New York Times and Richard Cohen of The Washington Post call for black leaders to "repudiate" the speech. Then the Anti-Defamation League prints the speech in an ad Then black leaders, "feeling the heat," begin the "ritual of condemnation and racial correctness." Got it? Jews whip it up and blacks have to bow. Journalistically, enough said of Time's staff writer, his assisting re-

porters and their assorted editors.

Professionally, the article is worth

miting simply as a warning to other

magazines, newspapers and TV news programs: This is what can come out

when "news stories" are allowed to cross over into editorialization by choice of words, angling and stack-

ing. Politicization, distortion, ethical junk. So: vigilance, all!

But the story also reflects something else: the sickeningly condescending attitude of so many whites, and some blacks too, toward black intelligence, independence, individ-

valism and honor. Not a word did Time print to indicate that it ever crossed its collectiv-ized-journalism mind that black leaders who denounced the speech really might despise it, that maybe they stood up because they liked that

stance in life. The Timeteam saw them simply surrendering to pressure. Time Warner: Could it be that tells more about the story's perpetrators than about the black leaders?

The speech brought black condemnation after it reached print in news stories - real ones, Time Warner the opinion columns clearly marked as such and in the ADL ad. But that's no plot son It is how journalism exposes bigotry. What

would happen to America if journal-ism, other than Time, decided that to point to bigotry was itself bigotry? And that correctness bit - cute, but come on, team, those of us who insist on fighting bigotry are usually lifetime opponents of political cor-rectness and its lifetime targets, as

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Farrakhan's weaseing moves me no more than his earlier announcemen that he would play a violin piece by Mendelssohn. I hope that the statements against

the viciousness of Mr. Farrakhan's man by the Reverend Jesse Jackson, members of the Congressional Black Caucus and the NAACP lead them to a public evaluation of the dangers of the Nation of Islam itself. America needs a full African-American expose of how the Nation

of Islam injects poison into the country by its spewing of separatism, bate of whites, Asians, Judaism, Catholicism - and its attacks against African-Americans who oppose it.

Already among some Americans and in the press, there is a numblemouthed acceptance of Mr. Farrakhan and his organization. It goes: Well, maybe he is an anti-Semite, and that's not nice, but think about his work among drug addicts and his speeches about black self-responsibilPARIS - An incident occurred in

the Reichstag a few days since which can scarcely be passed over in silence. Herr Kayser, the director of Colonial affairs, admitted that some Hamburg merchants, established at Whydab, had supplied rifles to negro kings in exchange for slaves, who were afterwards sent to the Cameroons or to the Congo to be employed as militia. We should like to know what is the use of Anti-Slavery Congresses, when Europeans tear up the engagements entered into, and utterly disregard the resolutions arrived at.

1919: Hellenic Claims

PARIS - The Greek territorial claims presented to the Peace Conference would, if admitted, bring under the Greek flag about 2,500,000 Greeks in nearby lands and complete the last step in the restoration of the historic, racial and economic Hellenic entity.
To the north, Greece asks for North-

along the Adriatic, to the east, the part of Thrace now in Southern Bulgaria and running through to the Black Sea in Asia Minor, much of the scaboard including the vital city of Smyma, and off that coast all the islands.

1944: Nazi Shipe Sunk WASHINGTON - From our New

York edition: Three German blockade numers, heavily laden with vital war supplies from Japanese-held ports in the Pacific, have been sunk in the South Atlantic, the Navy Department amounced today [Feb. 4]. The ships had crossed the Pacific Ocean, swing around Cape Horn, and were sneaking up the South Atlantic when they were spotted by naval patrol planes. When American warships approached, the crews attempted to scuttle all three vessels, and in this they were ably assisted by guns of the Omaha, Somers and Jonett. Hundreds of tons of rubber were salvaged by the United States vessels-

neadez brothers prove impossible to convict. Tonya Harding, I wager, is preparing a double whammy de-fense: child and spouse abuse. - 11 1016 get away with murder? Easy. The "root causes" turn out now to go far deeper than the social and the ecoworth of Rolex watches and money SM. clips after murdering his parents and then were one of the Rolexes to his The president and Congress can climb all over each other to be tough F. Carrier on trime. But as long as the only real crimes are crimes against oneself and nomic. They are psychological. And parents' funeral. "Was that an act of respect?" the prosecutor asked.
"He had this strong love for his
father," replied the psychologist.
"And the conditions that had been $(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ since there is not a soul who has not suffered some psychological trauma it becomes harder and harder to hold psychic injury turns criminals into Mr. Peres mentioned one concrete example of regional cooperation that he said had already been agreed: a plan by Jordan, Israel and Egypt to victims, the task is hopeless. anyone responsible for anything. The Daily Teles Washington Post Writers Group. connect their electrical grids. That could save the three countries billions PERIC of dollars in generating facilities be-cause their peak hours of energy use are differen The vision of peace may still founder on the rocks of memory. But the import of Mr. Peres's words is that peace has something stronger than hope going for it now. That is expectation. By A. M. Rosenthal ity. You have to admire that, don't you? No, we don't, not any more than surely know Time and staff writer. we admired Nazism's economic suc-On Thursday, Mr. Farrakhan slapped custard all over Time's face. cess or Stalin's vacations for assembly-line champions. Do we still have to learn that hatred stinks, even when expectation. People on all sides will surely struggle to keep alive the vision He himself showed the importance of exposing bigots. After black leaders denounced his aide and his vicious anti-Semitism, Mr. Farrakhan fired the fellow and said his language was on which they have begun to build.

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Mario Cavaglieri's portrait of Noemi Baldin, 1913.

When the Paint Is the Message

By Ken Shulman

FRONA, Italy — There are great artists who are best viewed within the context of their own time, and great artists whose import can only be assessed against a backdrop of decades or centuries. And then there are great artists like Mando Cavaglieri, who meet neither criterion and who are saved from mediocrity and oblivion by the sole, explosive strength of their originality.

One of the most talented, and at the same time neglected, Italian one of the most talented, and at the same time neglected, Italian artists of the century, Mario Cavaglieri is the subject of an excellent show at the Galleria dello Scudo in Verona. Born into an affluent Jewish family in Rovigo in 1887, Cavaglieri had few pictorial ancestors and left no artistic heirs. Ostensibly fashionable and even tame, his works were of such technical originality as to be incomprehensible and size of facility to be incomprehensible and size of s

tame, his works were of such technical originality as to be incomprehensible and even offensive to his contemporaries.

"A painting must always, beginning with its surface, evoke an idea of beauty," wrote Giorgio de Chirico in 1920. "Now this is not possible when that surface, as in the paintings of Cavaglieri, resembles crusted mud or a hyperbolic piece of cow manure left to dry in the dirt on some provincial road."

Even a rapid look at the 35 paintings on display in Verona (through Feb. 28) offers a ready explanation of de Chirico's rather (through Feb. 28) offers a ready explanation of de Chirico's rather (moting his colors directly on the canvas, applying them in a thick which is colors directly on the canvas, applying them in a thick veined impasto with a knife, with his fingers, and even squeezing veined impasto with a knife, with his fingers, and even squeezing

veined impasto with a knife, with his fingers, and even squeezing paint directly out of the tube.

"Romanticismo" (Romanticism), 1915, shows the artist's model and future wife, Giulietta Catellini de Grossi, leaning against an ornately decorated table in the artist's studio in Padua. With the window that opens onto a garden, Cavaglieri abolishes the barrier between interior and exterior space. The scene is executed with a physical and chromatic abundance of color. In some places, the physical and chromatic abundance of color. In some places, the paint is nearly three inches (7.5 centimeters) thick. While it is still figurative as a whole, many parts of "Romanticismo" look as if they were a cake that had been iced by Jackson Pollock. The paint itself was the message, not the image that the paint was used to represent.

HE works on show in Verona were executed between 1912 and 1922, a decade that has been called Cavagheri's "brilliant years." Painting in the splendid, velvet-coated isolation that his wealth afforded him — and that his taste for finery reinforced — Cavagheri was virtually untouched by the prevailing artistic and political currents of his day. Cavagher's universe — and the subjects depicted in his paintings — was one of aristocrats and actresses, of elegant villas and opulent, exotic salons. The matically his paintings capacitations exoke the schuded cluttered decadence. Thematically, his paintings evoke the sechuded, cluttered decadence of Italy and Europe's hante bourgeoisie at the turn of the century.

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Far from revolutionary, Cavaglieri's themes border on reactionary.

Yet Cavaglieri's themsaic stolidity was rendered on canvases that
contained startling truths about art and the artist. His truths were aesthetic and not social truths, truths centered in his utterly personal use of his materials and expressed in a technique that seems to have been born in a vacuum, and seems to have been reabsorbed by that vacuum after the extraordinary decade of creativity between 1912 and 1922. In 1925, Cavagileri purchased an estate near Anch, France, where he moved with his wife, Giulietta, painting in comfortable, silent were a wall his death in 1960. exile until his death in 1969.

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A Few Finds in the Vast World of Chinese Art

ONDON - Chinese art is the last among the world's great cultures still available in such vast quantities that even the most modest sales deserve close scrutiny.
Sotheby's held one of its four yearly sales (the Colonnade sales) of Oriental Art on Wednesday, intend-

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ed to dispose of anything estimated to be worth £250 to £2,000 (\$375 to \$3,000). China, as usual, had by far the greatest share with that peculiar mix of excavated objects that so often give the impression of having just emerged from some clandestine dig and of decorative objets d'art imported into Europe.
In that kind of sale, the excavated

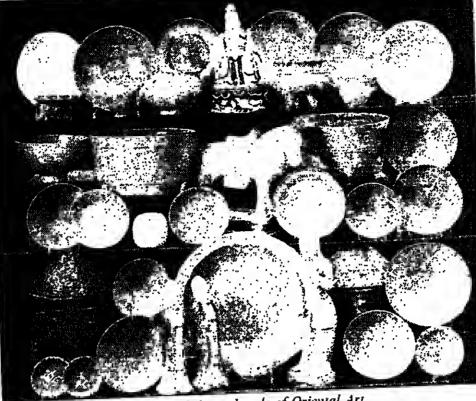
pottery and bronzes are not the greats. The pieces that might have greats. The places than high have arrived from the Hong Kong shops handling the archaeological loot from China are all that is left when everybody else has gone over it. The first refusal, professionals report, is offered to a few top-notch Japanese (yes, they are still alive and kicking) and Chinese collectors. Then comes the elite of Western dealers, followed by their lesser colleagues and by auction house experts making selections for the better auctions. Finally, they scrape the barrel.

And if they didn't all come from Hong Kong (after any number of

stopovers on the way), the pots seen on Wednesday had that unmistak-able end-of-bin look about them. The art of Tang China that followed is best forgotten. Two standlowed is best forgotten. Two standlowed with a pattern of rising mountains, should have generated almost no competition. A few chips along the edge of the cover do not affect the art, and the deep green glaze is fine. But only one buyer in the room displayed any visible interest. Bidding opened at £800, and at £850, the second-century vessel was his—or rather, at £987.50, with the added 15-percent premium.

Another Han object, not in good

The art of Tang China that followed is best forgotten. Two stand-lowed is best forgotten. Two stand-low Yet some were not negligible. It says



Chinese pottery at Sotheby's Colonnade sale of Oriental Art.

ago - this was a model of a mill.

The art of Tang China that fol-

condition, but of great documentary
interest sold, only just, for £414. It is
one of those architectural models

In the view of traditional Chiinterest sold, only just, for £414. It is
one of those architectural models

that keep coming out of Han tombs, lain. If the talk is about celadon, desirable. The pattern of a single providing a fascinating three-di-mensional record of a vanished ar-fection of shape, impeccably chitecture that thrived 2,000 years turned; on a quality of glaze smooth to the eye and soft to the touch; on the quick calligraphic flow of the carved patterns, if any.

stylized plant with trilobate leaves is lovely. "Serious" collectors would not consider it - a visible chip dents the very edge of the rim.

To them the most acceptable piece would probably be an incense burner based on a metallic prototype. It has a monumental vigor dear to the Japanese heart, and, indeed, as the excellent auctioneer Henry Howard-Sneyd brought down his hammer on a £300 bid, be muttered audibly to the sales clerk, Scibu." The celebrated Japanese department store that also sells art had just bought it, "flake on rim and chip to foot norwithstanding. Times, indeed, have changed.

As the Mongol dynasty of the Yuan (1279-1368) took over, drastic changes affected Chinese porcelain under the impact of Iranian influ-

ence. Sizes became larger, shapes took a monumental appearance and potting tended to a much thicker and sturdier. Most significantly, patterns and color schemes charged. Blue and white became the rage Hardly any very early blue and white, whether Yuan or Ming, would ever appear in such an auction. But there was one delightful jar with high rounded shoulder, low cyindrical neck and vertical ribbing on the body that carried the reign mark of Zhengde (1506-1521).

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The unusual feature was its miniature size, a mere 12.4 centimeters (4.9 inches), in sophisticated contrast to the powerful architecture of shape. This is very much the Japa-nese taste in blue and white. Sure enough, as Howard-Sneyd brought down his hammer, once again the name "Seibu" was audibly mut-

tered. "Chips to mouth and foot nm" notwithstanding, the Japanese department store had apparently bought the £672.50 jar. It is a delightful object. But in order to get that, it or its agent must have gone over the sale with great care, which is mind-boggling. Nor were they alone in that respect.

Early blue and white was folone of those large dishes with a brown patination, it was not undugarden motif quickly dashed off in ly expensive at £207. the central area. As the 17th-century dish slightly exceeded the high to the 17th century, was more atestimate, costing its buyer a still affordable £402.50, Howard-Sneyd casually muttered to the sales clerk, relief. The eight trigrams are highly "Vancouver Museum." Nothing is too small to be considered in these

lean times. worthy of museum attention. This was an altar piece, its lower part like a candlestick of Middle Eastern-inspired design and its top reproducing the shape of a squat Song-type jar, Ideograms, beautifully calligraphed in blue oo the white ground of the jar-like top, transcribe the Chinese pronuncia-

For sheer intrinsic quality, the finest, as is usual in down-market sales, was to be found in the latest periods. These get short shrift from most collectors. An ourstanding pair of Guangxu period (1875-19081 bowls with lotus scrolls went to the only bidder who got involved at a cost of £414. Right now, this is not cheap. But it won't be long before Chinese collectors from Taiwan start raving about such pieces. They represent the last frontier of top-quality Chinese porcelain.

As the sale switched back to objets d'art other than porcelain, here too the later periods offered the best opportunities. One or two good bronzes could be picked up. After a brief surge of enthusiasm, interest has subsided — the field is difficult.

NE of the better objects was an incense burner with a broad, low ring foot and cyma-shaped sides that go back to Western Zhou types of the fifth century B. C. Entirely reinterpreted with flowing bamboo-like handles, in which the memory of a feline figure cannot be detected if one is not familiar with lowed by a vast quantity of 17th, the model, the object was made in 18th, and even 19th-century blue the early Xing period, perhaps in 18th- and even 19th-century blue-and-white porcelain. It included the early 1700s. With its golden

Another incense burner, datable tractive still. The cylindrical body is decorated with motifs cast in low appealing to the modern eye with their geometric stylization. At

£575, it was a fair buy. Not that late Chinese bronzes Even the broadest geographical attributions require a little more attention. The expert may have wondered wby the crowd of Chinese art dealers turned a deaf ear when a lobed box with a late 19th-century dating and no specified origin came Amitabba" (the Immortal Buddha). The object as a whole is no great beauty, but it is of extraordinary rarity. At £217 it was a clever

Robert Morris's Lack of Emotion

By Roberta Smith

.EW YORK - Rarely does an exhibition's title pinpoint the central weakness of an artist's work, but Robert Morris: The Mind/Body Problem" at the Guggenheim Museum just about hits the nail on the head.

The phrase has deep and complex import for several essayists in the show's catalogue, who go nn at great and often obscure length about the meaning of Morris's Minimalist and Postminimalist sculptures, drawings, performances and installation pieces.

But for those who like their English straight up and readable, the show's subtitle may signal what this large and admittedly ambitious exhibition ultimately confirms: that Morris's art is overly didactic and cerebral and weirdly unconnected. It seems to be made by someone with a mistrust of emotion, a disregard for pleasure and a strong pedagogical bent; an artist more involved with problem solving than art making who often reduces the viewer to the role of

guinea pig.
Yet Morris has often seemed to be something of an artistic chameleon, lifting ideas from other artists and changing or at least adjusting his coloration to every shift in contemporary

From Minimalism to Earthworks to Process Art to Conceptual Art to Neo-Expressionism,

February

there's almost no contemporary art movement in which be hasn't been a participant, even if a tangential one. Some of the artists who spring mavoidably to mind in front of his work are Yvonne Rainer, Jasper Johns, Joseph Beuys, Richard Serra, Bruce Nauman, Robert Longo and Jenny Holzer. In the catalogue, Thomas Krens, t

of the Guggenheim, asserts that Mortis's art must be seen "as a single work." It seems more accurate to take this exhibition,

which includes 170 works from the last three decades, as a prolonged and restless commentary that parallels artistic activity since 1960, pinpointing some of its most important issues but never quite bringing them to aesthetic life. The survey, which has been organized by

Krens and the art historian and critic Rosalind Krauss, is clearly determined to make the best possible case for Morris's peripatetic career. Despite its size and ultimately unconvincing

effect, the show has at least been judiciously edited, omitting, for example, the exceptionally weak appropriation paintings that Morris turned to in the late 1980s (although they're represented by a series of small drawings) and including only a few of his overwrought "Firestorm" reliefs from the early '80s.

It has also been given quantities of space, and has been carefully installed, occupying more than half the Guggenheim's Fith Avenue building as well as the generous second-floor galleries of the Gnggenheim Museum SoHo,

where nine of Morris's large-scale pieces, mostly from the 70s, are in place. In addition, the museum has taken the trouble

to restage and film four of the artist's early '60s performance works. Projected at nearly real-life size on enormous, specially built screens along the Guggenheim's spiral ramp, these works stress Morris's interest in the absurd and the meaningless and they point toward his environmental artworks, which the viewer moves through, becoming a kind of performer.

LTHOUGH Morris's defenders tend to make his art seem opaque and difficult, one is often struck by the simplicity and obviousness of his ideas. His sculptures can be intriguing and briefly involving (somewhat the way puzzles are), especially the ones at the downtown museum, where the artist's persistent use of mirrors creates a series of visual conundrums.

But this only goes so far. Perhaps his work is most interesting as illustrations - and not necessarily the most visually substantial and engaging ones — of the ideas that are his real interest. Not surprisingly. Morris has written about art almost as prolifically as be bas made it, and his most influential work may ultimately

The show will be at the Diechterhallen in Hamburg, Germany, in February and March



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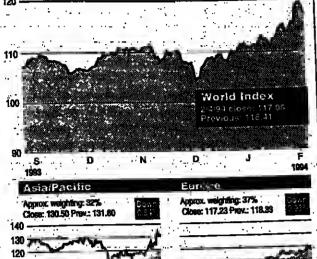
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U.S. Talks Of 'Other Options' On Japan

TOKYO - The United States trade representative, Mickey Kan-tor, warned of "other options" Fuday in dealing with Japan on its lopsided trade as the countries remained deadlocked a week before a

U.S.-Japan summit meeting.

At the end of a four-day visit to Tokyo, Mr. Kantor said the two countries were still working for "a successful conclusion" of the talks under the so-called framework agreement reached last July.

The United States, be said, expected to see "substantial progress" in the talks. If they failed, be said, "We'll have to look for other options." He refused to elaborate but Japanese officials said Mr. Kantor had hinted that in the absence of agreement the United States would consider trade sanc-

Separately, Tokyo amounced a plan, effective March 31, to open procedures for government purchases. It would require government agencies to disclose more information and would allow foreign companies to file grievances.

Mr. Kantor said Prime Minister Moribiro Hosokawa, with whom he met Thursday, had promised that Japan would "redouble its efforts" to conclude the framework talks.

But Japanese officials said Mr. Hosokawa and other leaders with whom Mr. Kantor had met did not yield on Washington's main demand - that trade agreements in automobiles, insurance and other areas contain numerical goals for increasing foreign access to Japan's

Mr. Kantor said the countries would resume talks in Washington on Monday.

We fully expect to see substantial progress consistent with the framework leading to a successful conclusion," he said. The framework talks are meant to devise a method for overcoming the large States. industrial heartland of North Rhine-Westphalia. (AFP, AP, Reuters, NYT) would either produce a 1994 pay deal or collapse in Japanese trade advantage with the

Better Late Than Never U.S. Business Euphoric Over Vietnam

By Peter Behr and Thomas W. Lippman

Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON — Sometime this summer, an engineer from Mobil Corp. will be standing anxiously on a drilling rig in the South China Sea off the coast of Vietnam, hoping that an ex-ploratory oil well brings forth a

By that time, the St. Louis, Missouri-based Gannon Co. expects to be running package tours to Vietnam's China Beach, a haven for U.S. soldiers a generation ago.

Across corporate America, bopes run high over business op-portunities in Vietnam now that President Bill Clinton has ended a 19-year U.S. trade embargo.

"There is a tremendous amount of euphoria about the prospects there," said Frank Martin, president of the American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong, which has sent five ations to Vietnam since 1991 in annicipation of restored

But the outlook for Caterpillar Inc., Coca-Cola Co., Citibank, General Electric Co. and a flock of other companies is tempered by the fact that U.S. businesses will be late arrivals in the redevelopment of Vietnam.

UAL, Pepsi, Amexco Pile In

HO CHI MINH CITY - PepsiCo Inc. opened a cola war in Vietnam on Friday only hours after the U.S. embargo was lifted but Coca-Cola Co. said it was confident of regaining its market share.

UAL Corp. said its United Airlines subsidiary would start scheduled flights to Ho Chi Minh city as soon as it obtained clearance from Hanci

American Express Co. said its credit cards will be used in Vietnam for the first time under an agreement negotiated in advance with Vietnam's biggest state-owned commercial bank. The bank signed similar agreements with Visa, Mastercard and JCB last uses has the condensate of t

year but the cards are not yet widely accepted.

PepsiCo pitched a giant inflated model Pepsi can downtown and young women in Pepsi uniforms handed ont cans of the drink. Hours later, the first bottles of Pepsi made in Vietnam rolled off the production line of a plant owned jointly with a local company.

Persi and Cale have been on cale in Vietnam for years, imported Pepsi and Coke have been on sale in Vietnam for years, imported from other Asian cities or smuggled. Coca-Cola has been the more visible. Pepsi said it will charge about 15 cents a bottle, as compared

to up to 60 cents for smuggled soft drinks. A Coca-Cola spokesman said bottling would begin as soon as concentrated syrup could be brought in. He said he was optimistic

about Coke's long-term prospects.

"We were the predominant soft drink" before the end of the war in 1975, he said. "The Vietnamese remember that." (Reuters, AP, AFX)

hit metalworking industry.

There is no question that others have a stronger foothold," Martin said. "We will be , but not too late."

While U.S. companies have been permitted to set up offices and explore deals in Vietnam, they could not do business there.

German Pay Talks Scheduled

Meanwhile, Hong Kong, Ger-many, Japan, the Netherlands, Australia and other countries have earmarked more than \$3 billion for projects in Vietnam. The rest of the world's head

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failure, paving the way for a full strike in the recession-

An agreement reached in that region would be likely

to be adopted throughout western Germany.

Dollar Rockets Nearly 2 Pfennig After Fed Move

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - The dollar soared Friday against the major currencies after the Federal Reserve Board indicated an increase in short-term interest rates.

Against the Deutsche mark, the U.S. carrency was nearly 2 pfennig higher. Decalers said trading was hectic after the Fed move, with many interbank traders short dollars trying to cover their positions as the dollar climbed, further fuel-

ing the rise.
In late trading, the U.S. unit rose to 1.7610 Deutsche marks, from 1.7415 at the close on Thursday, It was the highest close since August

Amy Smith, a senior foreign ex-change analyst at 1DEA, said the dollar had tested highs 1.7640 DM but there had been some profit-taking at slightly lower levels, which was acting to cap the currency's rise. Another trader, in New York, said the Fed move was "great" for

the dollar, especially since dealers had been expecting the Fed to sim-ply add reserves on Friday, signaling a neutral stance. But Eric Nickerson, senior economist at Bank of America in San Francisco, said: "The Fed's move will keep the dollar strong, but

we're not off the races. The rally should peter out soon." Earlier, the dollar had dropped on the January jobs report, which said that payrolls rose by only 62,000 in the month, compared with forecasts of 193,000.

But the selling trailed off when the market began to perceive the Labor Department report as showing brisker economic growth than the data suggested. A rise in average weekly bours to 34.8 from 34.5 The union is seeking a pay raise of 6 percent, but has already said it would agree to a lower increase if companies were prepared to guarantee jobs in West-ern Germany, where a record 2.5 million people are age weekly bours to 34.8 from 34.2 and in hourly earnings to \$11.03 from \$10.95 was seen as especially encouraging. And Tony Norfield, treasury economist at ABN Amro in London, noted that components of the report indicated U.S. growth Walkouts and demonstrations dwindled Friday, but walkouts and demonstrations dwindled Priday, but 30,300 workers at \$1 companies walked out for short periods. Companies affected included the luxury carmaker Porsche AG, Mercedes-Benz AG and batterywas still strong. Politicians, industry leaders and independent econ-omists have warned that a strike in the metalworking sector is the last thing Germany needs as the economy struggles to recover from its worst post-war recession.

The dollar then cut through major resistance after the announcement by the Fed chairman, Alan Greenspan, who said the decision

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to announce the central bank's action immediately after a closely watched meeting bad been done to avoid market confusion.

"It looked like selling the dollar was a sure bet before Greenspan stepped in." said John Hardy, managing director of Intercap Investments, which runs a currency-trading fund. "I'm sure a lot of people got burt today."

The dollar also advanced strongly against the Japanese currency, rising to 109.25 yen from 108.15. But the outlook for the yen was less clear, trader said, with U.S.-Japan

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Paramount Seen Preferring Viacom's Bid

PHILADELPHIA — Paramount Communications Inc.
was expected to recommend at a board meeting Friday acceptance of the Viacom Inc. bid for the company and to consider ways to ensure the bidding process ends Feb. 14, when shareholders are scheduled to decide.

Analysts and arbitragers said the protections built into the securities portion of Via-com's offer and a higher cash component are primary reasons for Paramount to prefer Viacom's bid over that of the rival QVC Network Inc.

No question the nod goes to Viacom," an arbitrager said. "They were already chosen, and they only made their bid better. QVC didn't make it a whole lot better."

The hidders made what were supposed to be their final offers Tuesday. QVC is bidding \$104 cash per share for 50.1 percent of Paramount and securities for the rest Viacom bid \$107 cash per share for 50.1 percent.

The state of the s ECONOMIC SCENE

The Great New GNP Is Nigh

By Lawrence Malkin

International Herald Tribune
NEW YORK — Everyone knows that the great god of GNP does not value human happiness. There are a lot of other things the gross national product does not count, such as housework, the potential of education and research to create wealth or the cost of destroying a rain forest to

produce beef for hamburgers.

Now, after a decade of debate by the world's leading statisticians, that may change. They re-cently published a new way of reckoning national accounts that has the joint endorsement of the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and the Eu-

ropean Union.

These organizations will press for the worldwide adoption of the System of National Accounts.

They reckon it will take at least a decade for most governments to reorganize their statistical surveys

to fit the new matrix.

The former Communist economies have been eagerly awaiting the new accoming to replace their old method of net material product, which

focused on production and ignored price.

By attempting to value agricultural subsistence crops and houses in Third World villages, the System of National Accounts also would assist in detailed economic comparisons between rich countries with cash economies and developing ones with much local activity now off the books.
Gold jewelry, a major store of household savings in

Gold jewelry, a major store of household savings in such countries as India and Kenya, will be counted as part of the national wealth.

The Commerce Department's Bureau of Economic Affairs, which keeps America's books, plans to adopt the system's main features gradually. It hopes to eliminate anomalies in the U.S. system, which, for example, defines government spending

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of any kind as consumption. This meant that even appropriations for the interstate highway system, a huge generator of wealth and social change, were

never listed as capital investment.

"We are trying to create a common language, said Jean-Claude Milleron, the United Nations." undersecretary-general for economic and social information and a former chief of the French national statistical service.

The old system focused on the production of goods derived from input-output tables and gave a logical picture of an economy based largely or manufacturing. The new one presents an integrat-ed balance sheet much more like those presented

The System of National Accounts starts off with production, then factors in taxes, subsidies and the drawdown of capital. Next, it leads to income, and drawdown of capital. Next, it leads to income, and breaks that down according to earnings and redistribution, such as social transfer payments, and finally what is left over for saving. This leads to the financial accounts to break out saving and capital investment, and finally on to valuing the nation's assets, a balance sheet that produces national net worth.

It is not enough just to be able to line up each nation's subsidies, investment or welfare payments

nation's subsidies, investment or welfare payments for international comparison. Other possibilities

For example, there are lines for "natural growth of noncultivated biological resources," followed by "economic disappearance of nonproduced assets." This is where a country's statisticians would calculate the statisticians would calculate the statistic can be statistic. late what it gained or lost by cutting down forests and then integrate it into the national accounts to determine whether such activity is worth it in the

Social expenditures on education, research and development, and similar spending with a long-See GNP, Page 11

U.S. Plans **Expansion**

freeze and benefit cuts.

New York Times Service

President Bill Clinton is likely to

rain up in the air. For example, they have not decided whether a hemispheric trade zone should be put together by adding one country at a time to NAFTA or by adding clusters of countries, such as the Andean group of Colombia, Vene-

Whatever is ultimately decided the important thing, officials said, was to provide Latin American and

U.S. officials said it was certain Chile would be the next country allowed to join NAFTA. Negotia-

Of NAFTA

FRANKFURT — Germany's IG Metall union said Friday a round of talks had been set for Cologne on

Monday to solve a pay dispute that has led to nanon-wide stoppages in the crucial metalworking sector this

More than 600,000 workers in hundreds of factories across Western Germany walked left their jobs for several hours at a time and held demonstrations,

demanding that employers drop demands for a wage

a time for all concerned to sit down together."

Chancellor Helmut Kohl called on both sides to avoid a damaging dispute. "This is not the time for major conflicts," he said in a television interview. It is

Union sources said talks, to take place in Germany's

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government is drafting a plan to expand the North American Free Trade Agreement to include much of the Western Hemisphere in 10 to 15 years, adding Chile as a first step.

The plan not only responds to clamoring by Latin American countries to join the North American pact, but also recognizes that those countries represent a fast-growing market for U.S. exports. officials said Thursday.

unveil the free-trade plan at a meeting of 34 of the hemisphere's leaders, which is planned for spring.

U.S. policymakers said many de-

zucla, Peru, Ecnador and Bolivia.

Caribbean countries with details of the steps they must take to qualify for the free trade zone.

tions to that end are expected to begin this spring, with Chile joining the group 15 to 18 months later.

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U.S. Rate Increase **Slams Stock Market**

NEW YORK — The Federal Reserve Board's surprise move to raise short-term interest rates sent a shock through financial markets Friday, pushing the Dow Jones in-dustrial average to the biggest oneday loss since November 1991 and

depressing Treasury bond prices. The Dow plunged 96.24 points, to 3.871.42, a 2.43 percent loss, while losers outnumbered gainers

N.Y. Stocks

on the New York Stock Exchange by a 4-to-1 ratio in extremely heavy trading of more than 377 million sbares. The Nasdaq over-the-counter index fell 20.50 points, to 777.29, a 2.56 percent loss. The decline triggered the New

York Stock Exchange's uptick rule for the first time since Nov. 3. The rule curbs computer-generated index-arbitrage trading in an effort to stabilize the market.

"Everybody has been predicting higher rates, but the Fed's announcement still caught people off guard," said Edward Laux, head trader at Kidder, Peabody & Co. For the first time in five years,

the Fed raised its perceived target for federal funds, the rate on overnight interbank loans, by one quarter of a percentage point.

The move undercut bonds, with the benchmark 30-year Treasury issue down 19/32, at 98 22/32 in late trading. The yield moved up to 6.35

percent from 6.30 percent Thursday. Rising micrest rates tend to depress stock prices because they raise concern about growth in the economy and corporate profits and because they make fixed-income investments, such as certificates of

stock market's bull run had ended. "It's not the end of the world. But it's tough to say we're going to bounce right back," said William Dodge, chief investment strategist at Dean Witter Reynolds.

"The rule is it usually takes about three rate increases for the stock market to have a meaningful decline," said Richard McCabe, an analysis with Merrill Lynch & Co. Stone Container Corp. topped the New York Stock Exchange's most-active list, falling % to 15% after the company reported that its fourth-quarter loss widened to \$1.23 s share. The company also raised \$962 million in a sale of

stocks and bonds. Bank stocks were active, reacting to the Fed decision, with Citicorp. losing 2 to 40½.

In the over-the-counter market, Information Resources fell 8% to 28% after it released a fourth-quarter earnings projection that was be-low analysts' expectations. Investors also were displeased with the company's plan to buy Connecti-cut-based Nco Inc., a management consulting firm in the consumer

packaged goods industry.

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines' American depositary receipts, each of which represent one common sbare, rose 114 to to 26 as the airline announced the sale of 20 million new shares to raise \$900 million in fresh equity and said its percentage of seats filled in January rose to 70.3 percent from 68.3 percent a

year ago. Ralston-Purina Group, the maker of pet food, Beech-Nut baby food, cereal, and batteries, lost 4 to 43%, hit by weaker-than-expected first-quarter earnings.
(AP, Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg)

DOLLAR: Mark and Yen Plunge

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trade talks and a Tokyo economic stimulus package in the wings. Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa postponed until Monday at the earliest the unveiling of the

Foreign Exchange

package of economic stimulus measures after governing coalition partners threatened to quit. Analysis noted that bilateral trade talks were going badly, a fac-

tor that would undermine the dollar and fortify the yen.

David Cocker, treasury adviser at Chemical Bank in London, noted that the longer negotiations went on the more the market would

see potential for U.S. pressure on

Japan by talking the yen up.

The British pound, meanwhile, fell to \$1,4775 from \$1,4874. The U.S. currency moved up to 5.9610 Freach francs from 5.9065,

The dollar soared earlier in similarly strong European trading in response to the first Fed tightening of credit in five years.

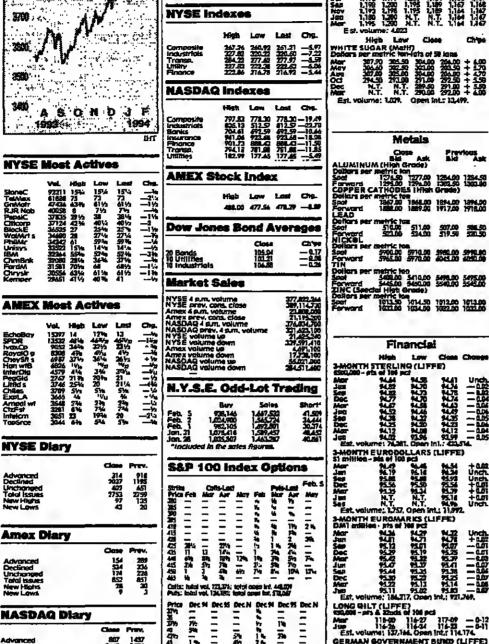
"People weren't expecting this today," said David de Rosa, director of foreign-exchange trading at Swiss Bank Corp. "This was a bolt from the top of the mountain."

Nick Parsons, bead of the treasury advisory group at Canadian Imperial Bank of Canada in London, said: "The dollar is just bid bid, bid. It won't be long before it takes out its old high on the dollarmark rate."

In late London trading, the dol-lar stood at 1.7505 DM; in early January, it reached a two-and-ahalf year high of 1.7580. Mr. Parsons said the U.S. unit could break through this level early next week.

This puts the dollar bull phase firmly back on track," he said. "I think we're going to move toward 1.80 by the end of the first quarter."

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Polish Finance Minister Quits in Clash

WARSAW -- Polish Finance Minister Marek Borowski resigned Friday after clashing with Prime Minister Waldemar Pawlak over the powersharing between the two.

Mr. Borowski is a member of the Democratic Left alliance of former communists. Mr. Pawlak is the leader of the Polish Peasant Party.

Mr. Borowski has often been a target of veiled attacks from Mr. Pawlak's party for his liberal economic views and his refusal to divert from a Mr. Borowski said his pro-market economic strict pro-market course since the left-wing coalipower three months as

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Nissan to Buy Back 33,000 Minivans

DETROIT (Combined Dispatches) — Nissan Motor Corp. is preparing to spend an estimated \$231 million to repurchase 33,000 troubles

plagued minivans manufactured from 1987 to 1990.

The Japanese automaker said Thursday it would offer to pay owners. the current retail value of the model C-22 vans, or \$5,000 to \$7,000. They also will be offered a \$500 coupon that can be used as part of the down payment on a new or used vehicle at a Nissan dealer. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration agreed to the program, which it said was unprecedented in scope and magnitude.

All but 200 of the vans, which have been recalled four times to fix defects that could lead to engine form one 1007 and 1000 models. The race

defects that could lead to engine fires, are 1987 and 1988 models. The rest are 1990 models. About 150 engine fires have occurred in model C-22 vans. None has resulted in a serious injury.

(AP, WP)

Chrysler Recalls All of Its New Neons NEW YORK (AP) — Chrysler Corp. said Friday it was recalling all the newly introduced Neon subcompacts that it had sold and closing the Illinois plant that builds the cars for at least a week while it corrects a

Ultinots plant that builds the cars for at least a week white it contents a problem that could cause the engine to stall.

The recall, announced a day after the company outlined plans for the Neon to capture up to 15 percent of the subcompact market in its first year, involves approximately 1,300 units sold since Jan. 2.

Chrysler said it found that a sealing-compound problem could allow water to leak into the central component of the computerized system that controls the engine, possibly causing it to stall or fail to start.

Fuji Moving Film-Making to the U.S. GREENWOOD, South Carolina (Bloomberg) — Fuji Photo Film Co., Japan's biggest maker of photography products, responding in part to anti-dumping complaints, amounced plans to build a \$250 million color paper plant here by next year. Eastman Kodak Corp., which controls about 65 percent of the \$3 billion North American color paper market, has alleged that Fuji was

billion North American color paper market, has alleged that Fuji was dumping color paper manufactured in Japan and the Netherlands, selling

it for 40 percent less than Kodak products.

Fuji continues to "vigorously dispute" the allegation, said Osamu Inoue, president of Fuji Photo Film U.S.A. But he acknowledged the decision to move production had been made in part due to the "possible impact" of a ruling by the U.S. International Trade Commission and the Commerce Department. A ruling on the complaint is expected this month.

BellSouth Sells Mexico Cellular Stake

ATLANTA (Reuters) - BellSouth Corp.'s BellSouth International unit said Thursday it had sold its interest in the Mexican cellular company Communicationes Celulares de Occidente SA to Grupo Iusacell SA. BellSouth did not disclose the details of the transaction, but it said the sale would be recorded as a \$67 million gain on earnings.

Communicaciones Celulares began providing cellular telephone service throughout western Mexico, including the city of Guadalajara, in

August 1990. Ralston Purina's Baking Unit Lags

ST. LOUIS (Bloomberg) — Raiston Purina Co. said first-quarter earnings rose 4.7 percent in its batteries, pet foods, and cereals business during the first quarter; led by higher operating profit at Eveready.

The company's Continental Baking Group unit, which was spun off and is separately listed on the New York Stock Exchange, did not fare as small. That mit makes of Worder hand and Hostess much cales. well. That unit, maker of Wonder bread and Hostess snack cakes, saw first-quarter earnings fall to near break-even, from 8 cents a share, because of lower volume and an unfavorable product mix," Ralston said.

Owens-Illinois Cutting 2,000 Jobs

TOLEDO, Ohio (Bloomberg) — Owens-Illinois Inc. said Thursday it planned to cut 2,000 jobs, or about 10 percent of its U.S. work force, over the next three years and take \$355 million in charges to cover the layoffs and future uninsured asbestos-related claims.

The charges will reduce 1993 fourth-quarter earnings by \$2.98 a share, the company predicted. Owens-Illinois shares rose 37.5 cents, to \$12.25, on the New York Stock Exchange.

U.S. Lets 2d Bank Cross State Lines

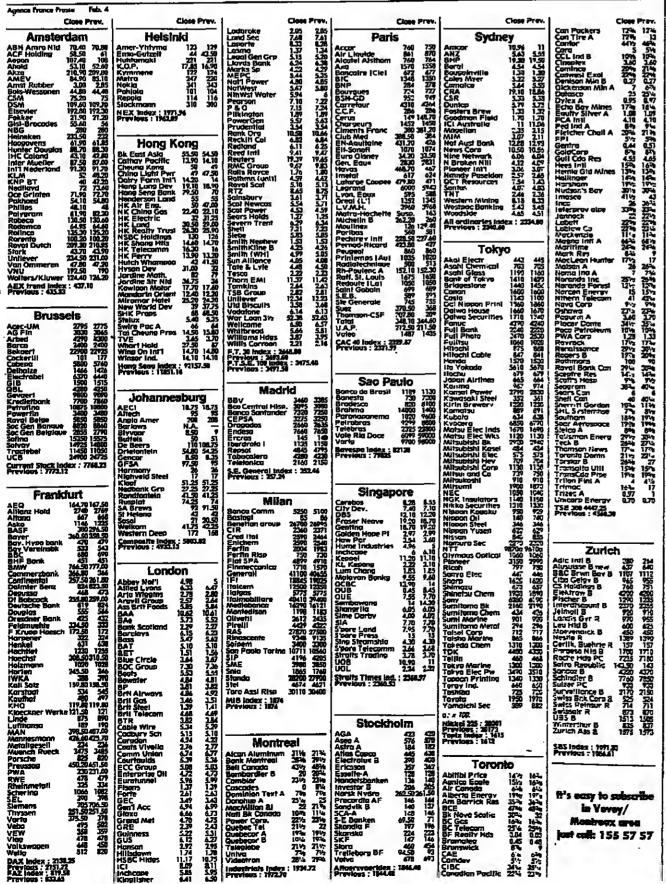
WASHINGTON (AP) - Federal regulators have for the second time permitted a bank to operate across state lines.

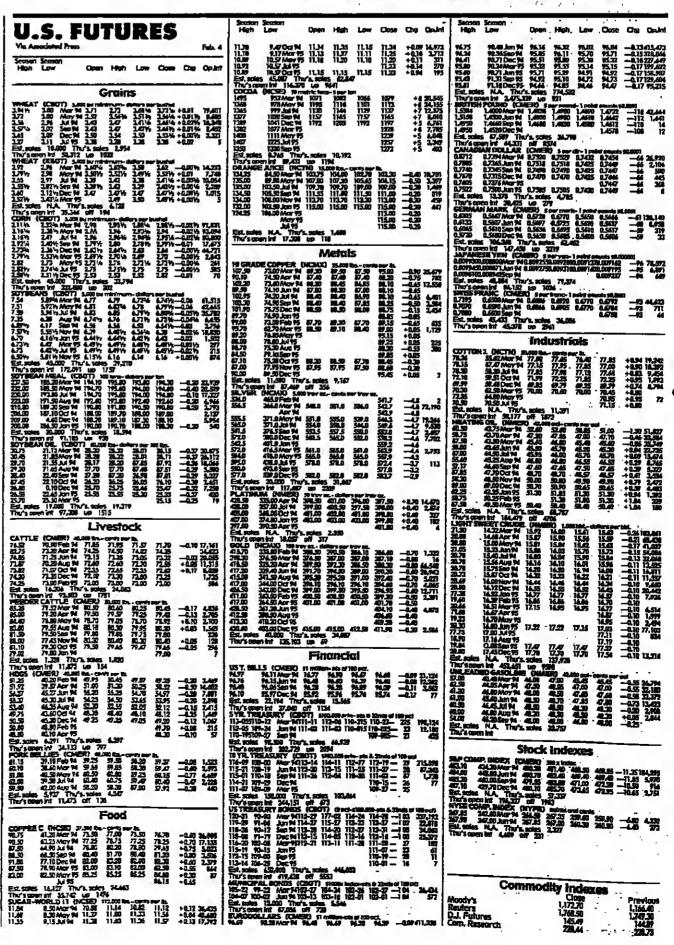
Under the action taken by the Office of the Comptroller of the PARIS - Moody's Investors Service announced Friday that it was putting Credit Lyonnais and its subsidiaries on its review list for

Currency, NationsBank Corp., the nation's fifth-largest bank holding company, will be able to operate its offices in Washington and its Maryland suburbs as a single branch network.

On Jan. 10, First Fidelity Bank of Salem, New Jersey, was allowed to operate in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Both decisions were taken under a a possible downgrading. It said the trolled bank, whose senior debt is rated A1, would be assessed, along legal provision that allows a bank to move its main office to another location within 30 miles. Before this year, regulators had never approved a with the possible rescue options for

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Of £250 Million For Leasing

LONDON - British Aerospace PLC said Friday it would take a £250 million (\$374.25 million) charge against its 1993 results in compensate for costs in leasing its regional turbo-prop fleet.

"This is the final piece in our plan to change the way we manage our second-hand aircraft fleets and their associated leasing exposures," said Richard Lapthorne, finance director of the British defense and

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In the first half of 1993, the company had a pretax profit of 20 mil-lion pounds after a pretax loss of 1.2 billion pounds in 1992. BAe will release full-year results on Feb. 23.

The financial charge relates in monthly payments that British Aerospace will owe to financial institutions for its Jetstream turboprop planes. Although the group made a similar provision for its regional jets in 1992, it said the charge against 1993 results should be the last such provision.

The move was greated enthusiastically by analysts, who said it put the group in a much stronger position to seek partners.

Passenger Flow

Back in the Air

GENEVA - The 221-mem-

ber International Air Transport

Association said Friday that

passenger traffic grew 6 percent

last year and freight 10 percent,

continuing the upward trend since the disastrous Gulf crisis

But the IATA director-gen-

eral, Pierre Jeanniot, said the

association still expected "to

report a net loss for our mem-

bers on their international

scheduled services for 1993."

In November, he predicted a

loss of \$2.4 billion for the in-

dustry for the year. Final fig-

IATA said the traffic rise

had outstripped growth in ca-

pacity - the number of seats

and freight volume provided

by new aircraft coming on line

by 1.6 percent, well above

the forecast last November of

only 0.4 percent.

ures are expected in March.

drop of 1990-91.

"It clears up the balance sheet and enables British Aerospace to think about joint ventures," said Zafar Khan, with Societe General

Strauss Turnbull Securities.

While there are only a few manufacturers of large commercial aircraft, there are more than a dozen builders of smaller turboprops and regional jets, and the market needs to consolidate, analysts and industry executives said.

That means manufacturers will be scrambling in find the best partners. British Aerospace said late last year that it had talked with Avions de Transport Régional, the joint venture between France's Aerospatiale and Alenia SpA of Italy, about teaming up to make planes.

Investors applauded the charge, bidding Brinsh Aerospace shares up 21 pence, to 5.73.

RAe said the charge was "com-patible both with running the busi-ness more effectively and with industry restructuring discussions which will continue.

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

BAe Sets Charge VW Chief: Also to Blame? Audi Head's Departure Shifts Spotlight

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches BONN — The standing of Volkswagen AG's chairman, Ferdinand Piech, has been thrown into doubt by a wave of problems that has culminated with the departure of the Audi AG chief, Franz-Josef Kortum, analysts said Friday.

Mr. Kortilm's resignation was confirmed fol-lowing an extraordinary Audi supervisory board meeting a day after media reports said he was stepping down in the wake of Audi's sharp sales drop this year.

VW would not say whether Mr. Kortim had been forced to out, only that he was leaving "by mutual consent." But the sudden departure of Mr. Kortum after only a year on the job turned the spotlight on Mr. Piech.

A Deutsche Bank Research car analyst, Hans-Jürgen Melzner, said: "The earnings situation was certainly one of the main reasons Korum was kicked out." He added that Mr. Piech "should certainly also shoulder the blame for Audi's cur-

A British analyst said: "There will be many questions about what is going on in the group. Piech should take some of the heat, but is trying to

distance himself."
He added: "The company could not cope with the downturn. It did not have the infrastructure to compete and sell its cars once the going got tough And that cannot be blamed on Kortum. Piech must take some of the responsibility."

A car analyst in Frankfurt said: "Piech does not

like to admit mistakes. But be is partly responsible for last year's sharp production fall at Audi."
Last week, Mr. Kortum disclosed Audi's first

loss in 15 years. Sales dropped more than 25 percent in 1993.

He is to be replaced by Herbert Demei, Audi's development chief, who will be management board spokesman, a lesser position than that of chief executive. Mr. Demel, who was brought to the company by Mr. Piecb from Robert Bosch GmbH in 1990, will still be responsible for technical devel-

A German analyst said Mr. Piech bad paved the way for the luxury carmaker's problems when he was in charge by boosting production strongly in 1992 to achieve a record, despite warnings that demand was about in tumble. Mr. Piech was chairman of Audi before Mr. Kortilm.

But despite poor performances throughout the /W group, with the notable exception of its Czech unit Skoda, analysts said Mr. Piech was unlikely to feel pressured in resign.

Investors apparently are pleased with what Mr. Piech and his embattled production chief, Jose Ignacio Lopez de Arriortua, have been doing in trim costs and force price cuts from parts suppliers, analysis said.

"For the time being things will tick along, and shares will do well," the London-based analyst said. "Piech and Lopez are good salesmen and should manage in keep good news coming out despite the difficulties." The analysts warned, bowever, that if Mr. Lopez

were eventually found guilty of charges of industrial espionage connected with his move from General Motors Corp. to VW last year, he and probably Mr. Piech would have in go.

"Piēch's position would become almost untenable," an expert said.

(Reuters, AFX, Bloomberg)

Ciller Faces Rising Turkish Inflation January, compared with 3 percent in December and 4.6 percent in January 1993. The Motherland Party, Mrs. been dented by the struggling lira, which prompted her central bank chief to call a general election, alchief to quit this week saying he

ANKARA - Consumer inflation in Turkey jumped 4.4 percent in January, prompting calls for Prime Minister Tansu Ciller to holda general election in addition to local ballots already set for

The Institute of Statistics said Friday the January consumer price Populist Party, in the nationwide municipal elections due March 27. increase followed a 3.6 percent in-

a 12 percent lira devaluation on Jan. 26 work their way through the import-dependent economy.

The year-on-year consumer incember, an increase that is sure to push up consumer prices this month and next.

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Evidence that Mrs. Ciller is los-ing the battle against inflation will though one is not due until 1996.

The government has lost its further damage the prospects for her True Path Party and her coalition partner, the Social Democratic

"The government has lost its credibility," said Burhan Kara, deputy chairman of the Motherland Party. We urgently oeed a

oew administration," Mrs. Ciller's standing also has

The government's trend toward raising interest rates also was criticized as likely to curb the economic

February figures are likely to show a steeper rise as the effects of a 12 percent lira devaluation on

Bloomberg Business News

BRUSSELS - Seasonally-adjusted unemployment in the 12 countries of the European Union reached an flation rate eased to 69.6 percent all-time high of 10.9 percent at the end of 1993, the EU

from 71.1 in December, but monthly wholesale prices rose 5.3 percent
compared with 29 percent in December, the highest
since the West European trade bloc was formed 36 member, an increase that is sure to years ago, exceeds by one-tenth of a percentage point the private sector manufacture.

The private sector manufacture one of the most crippling recessions since World War

indicator — shot up 5.4 percent in The cost of supporting Europe's growing numbers

of unemployed has increased public debt, Belgium, Greece and Italy, the union's most heavily indebted countries, owe the equivalent of 120 percent in 130 percent of their gross domestic product.

"The heavy burden of public debt means that EU governments haven't got the means to boost the ecoo-omy," said Jean-Claude Koeune, the chief economist of Banque Bruxelles Lambert in Brussels.

EU unemployment will probably rise to 12 percent by the end of this year, while the Union's ecooomy will probably grow by only 1 percent, according in the European Commission, the executive arm of the EU.

O'Reilly Buys 25% of Shares in Independent

LONDON - The Irish media tycoon Tony O'Reilly, underdog in the battle for control of Britain's ailing Independent newspaper, oo Friday scored a surprising coup by buying nearly 25 percent of the Independent's publisher in the open market

A spokesman for Independent Newspapers PLC, Mr. O'Reilly's Dublin-based press company, said it had purchased an £18.4 million (\$27.4 million) stake in Newspaper Publishing PLC at 350 pence (\$5.20) a share, 100 pence more than a cash offer in shareholders from a consortium led by Mirror Group Newspapers PLC.

Mr. O'Reilly also is chairman of H.J. Heinz Co.
Analysis said Mr. O'Reilly's

move, which made him the largest single shareholder in Newspaper Publishing with a 24.99 percent stake, bad greatly reduced the chances of the Mirror consortium. which had unveiled its long-awaited offer for Newspaper Publishing earher Friday, only to see it rejected.

The Mirror consortium holds just over 47 percent of Newspaper Publishing, but Mr. O'Reilly's 24.99 perceot stake oow makes him the biggest single sharholder.
Mr. O'Reilly's move took Lon-

doo and Dublin by surprise. At the start of trade on Friday, his compa-oy withdrew its offer for a 24.99 percent share in Newspaper Publishing, saying the company's board had rejected its bid.

That appeared to have cleared the way for the Mirror consortium, which offered cash and new common Mirror shares in a deal valuing each Newspaper Publishing share at 261.6 pence. The consortium also offered a full-cash alternative at 250 pence per common share.
But the board of Newspaper Publishing rejected the Mirror offer as well, saying it was holding out for better terms and still in talks with

Independent Newspapers. Mr. O'Reilly then made his move. the market

We have bought all that we want at the momeot," said the spokesman for Independent Newspapers afterward.

Mr. O'Reilly's next step was un-"He can just sit there oow and

wait," said ooe London share analyst" of Mr. O'Reilly. "It really does make it difficult for the Mirror because oow their offer is to him." (Reuters, Bloomberg)

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Very briefly:

 Koninklijke Bijenkorf Beheer NV, the large Dutch department store chain, said it has agreed in a standard four-day workweek for full-time employees, the first in the Dutch retailing industry to make such a move. Denmark's National Statistics Institute said unemployment hit a record high last year, averaging 12.4 percent, up from 11.4 percent in 1992.

China, Slovakia, Taiwan and Thailand are targets of a European Commission inquiry into possible dumping of iron and steel tube or pipe fittings onto the EU market at reduced prices.

• Gesellschaft für Nebenbetriebe der Bundesantobahnen AG, Germany's government-owned company that runs roadside service stations and rest stops, will be 49 percent privatized in the first half of 1995.

• Deutsche Bundespost plans in reduce telephone fees by 5 percent starting on July 1 and is likely to cut rates by another 4.5 percent in 1998, subject in approval from the supervisory board, which meets in February. Banco Bilbao Vizcaya SA is mulling a move to buy a 20- to 25-percent stake in the troubled Banco Español de Crédito SA, whose former management team is under investigation by the Bank of Spain.

Bayerische Moteren Werke AG said it expected profit in the second half of 1993 to exceed 255 million Deutsche marks (\$147 million), meaning a full-year net profit of 510 million DM, down from 726 million in 1992. Reuters, AFX, AFP, AP, Knight Ridder

Air Canada Eyes French Stake

stake in Air France to strengthen and operation of trans-Atlantic its alliance with the French carrier flights from joint airport facilities.

France, Air Canada will be undeniably interested in taking a stake," there is always the risk of breaking off links," Mr. Morin said. ably interested in taking a stake," Claude Morin, Air Canada's general manager for France, told the French financial newspaper La Tri-

bune-Desfosses. The two carriers formed a strate-

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches gic alliance in September 1992 that PARIS — Air Canada said Friday it would like to buy an equity flights, cooperation in marketing

"Our chairman's philosophy is if it is privatized. "Our chairman's philosophy is
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He said Air Canada had not

talked with the French government or with Air France about a stake. (AP. Bloomberg, AFX)

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cided that the payoff could not be calculated with sufficient precision to justify listing both as capital spending.

vice, so we need a new way to organize our calculations based on scrvices and finance," said Joseph

At the other end of the spectrum.

A small change in linance can term payoff also can be listed separately, although the economists decided that the interest differentials by which banks make profits from their clients' deposits, which were oot counted at all in the old accounts, should be counted as a service. Luxembourg's shift from "Modern industries are much mining coal to managing secret less inm process and more into ser- bank accounts means its national

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Trade and balance of payments figures have been distorted by the rise of multinationals. On paper, Canada is America's largest trading partner, but no one knows how much of that is really an exchange of parts across the Detroit River between General Motors Corp. in the United States and GM Canada.

the bousehold duty of gathering wood and carrying water performed by millions of village women in developing countries will be counted as an addition to a natioo's tradeable goods. But cooking, cleaning and child-minding will remain outside the market economy, because the ecocomists ruled it was not formally traded.

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Surcharge Has Foreign Firms **Furious at China**

BEIJING - "Blackmail," "Small-time profiteering" "Voo-

Beijing's foreign business community is using strong language like this to protest 50 percent surcharges on foreigners' phone bills. plane tickets and payrolls following currency reforms last month.

Business associations representing hundreds of U.S., British, French, German and Hong Kong companies sent an angry letter Fri-day to Deputy Prime Minister Zhu Rongji and other officials, protesting what they called price discrimination against foreigners.

Nancy Lee of the American Chamber of Commerce in Beijing said the companies contend the price surcharges are not legal, at least according to published regula-tions. "If China truly wants to enter GATT, it can't have a two-tier price system," she said. China has been pressing to join the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the world's main forum for trade policy.

The foreign companies, which usually fear that harsh words against

China could cost them lucrative

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sales or contracts, took the rare step of making their price battle public by sending journalists copies of the protest letter. "Domestic entities and institutions have turned the currency reform into a kind of voodoo economics," said a statement that accompanied the letter.

For 13 years, China issued one currency, renminbi, for use by its own citizens and a second currency, Foreign Exchange Certificates, for foreigners. The two were officially equal, in

value, but the fact that certifiates could be used to buy imports soon pushed them far higher.

Under pressure from GATT, China began phasing out the certificates on Jan. 1. Chinese state compames such as airlines and telephone bureaus, which previously required foreigners to pay in certificates, promptly ordered foreigners 10 pay 50 percent more if they used renminbi. They argued that the for-

eigners still pay the same amount in dollar terms China has previously said it would rebate increased taxes for five years to companies that suffered un-der the revised currency rules.

New Grist for the Chinese Feed Mill **Agribusiness Giant Tries to Transform the Farmer**

SHENYANG, China - Lin Chica-Hsing

shivered in the bone-piercing chill of Manchuria, bouncing from toe to toe as he guided a visitor on a tour of the agro-industrial conglomerate C. P. Pokphand Co.'s latest baby: a computer-controlled feed mill in the outskirts of Shenyang.
Mr. Lin had the nervous look of so

who hopes he has read the tea leaves right. He and his bosses at the Hong Kong-based Pokphand are hoping China will do for its farmers what it has done for its urban population: increase wages and dramatically improve living standards.
"We'll have a hundred of these top-of-the

ime mills in China in another five years," said Mr. Lin, financial controller at Pokphand's Shenyang Chia Tai Co. "This will help change the way Chinese farmers farm."

Pokphand has people like Mr. Lin sprinkled across China. The company is hoping to ride the crest of China's agricultural reform program and transform its traditional farm-

ers into modern ones. The first step was buying computerized animal-feed mills from MEC Co. of the United States. Polephand says the Shenyang operation is so efficient they only need 10 people to run it. The rest of the company's 60-odd staff there concentrate on sales.

"We spend a lot of time explaining to farmers why they should buy our feed," said Jenny Wang, assistant to the general manager. "We give them healthy tastier pigs and chickens."
"It's a tough sell," she conceded, but one

industrial concern in China after it bought 16 agribusinesses there for \$37 million.

That brings the total oumber of Pokphand agribusinesses in China to 50, one in every inese province. They will start with the feed mills and then, as they educate farmers about the advantages better feed, teach them

Pokphand hopes to ride the crest of agricultural reform.

how to grow better chickens and pigs. "Farmers can get rich working for us," said Mr. Lin.
It has worked before. Twenty years ago, the company bought huge tracts of land in northern Thailand with local banks and trained farmers in modern agricultural techniques. The gamble paid off. Pokphand gained a battalion of contract workers, and the farmers paid off mortgages to own their

own plots of land.
"We can do the same thing in China," said
Tony Asvaintra, the Pokphand executive vice president in Hong Kong, "Our contract farmers in China make much more money than others. China hasn't opened this up completely yet — they still want control — but they will open up."

Pokphand is starting slow. Executives talk

Pokphand is banking on. Last month, the company became the largest foreign agro- to chosen farmers. They teach them how to to chosen farmers. They teach them how to grow top-quality chickens. After 42 days, the farmers sell the chicks back to Pokphand for 2 to 3 yuan each. Under a comparable program, Thai farmers made about 30,000 baht (\$1,178) a mooth. Pokphand said it expected farmers in China to make close to that.

The company could be coming to China at the perfect moment, or it could be walking into a mine field. The situation unfolding in the countryside now is volatile. The standard of living in the cities is improving rapidly. while in the countryside there are intermittent reports of peasants rioting for economic rights. In addition, the average per capita net income in 1993 for Chinese farmers totaled 880 yuan (\$100), up only 2 percent from same period last year. Urban wages rose about 10 percent last year, to 5,220 yuan a year.

"C. P. Pokphand is in good with the peasantry and Beijing because they are teaching them modern farming and are helping close the income gap," said Steve MacNamee, a director at the Marlin Partners brokerage in Hong Kong.

Investors are dubious. Last year, Pokphand shares fell 3.6 percent in Hong Kong, Still, Mr. Asvaintra said investors were overestimati the impact of falling chicken prices in China and a temporary slide in the value of the yuan

Company executives hope the acquisitions will help Pokohand stock move in line with other "China plays" that have rocketed in value along with the Chinese economy.

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lifted. They found a receptive andi-ence in Mr. Clinton's administration, which has busied itself trying to help U.S. companies compete

The reality in Vietnam may not quite match the overheated excitement, at least at first,

"We're talking about a very undeveloped country," said Greg Fager, an economist with the Washington-based Institute for International Finance. Annual in-come for the 71 million Vietnamese averages \$200.

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In just a year, Vietnam switched

from being a rice importer to the world's third-largest rice exporter. Vietnam sees China as something of a model," Mr. Martin said. nies, bank and credit card firms, Investors see in Vietnam something similar to what southeastern China looked like 15 years ago, at the beginning of its economic boom. Vietnam, too, has a large, literate,

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drawn, set to break ground immediately. Moments after Mr. Clinton's announcement on Thursday. United Airlines said it would seek permission to begin flights between Los Angeles and Ho Chi Minh City, Delta Air Lines and Northwest Airlines also are interested in

flying to Vietnam. Some U.S. engineering compaaccounting and law firms have positioned themselves to move quickly - although the shortage of office space in Hanoi and Ho Chi now," he said.

Minh City will force many to be (Richard M. Weintraub contribution) based in Hong Kong or Singapore, said Virginia Foote, director of the U.S.-Vietnam Trade Council in

Co. "Viemam remains a communist country with a rather encrusted

to work through arrangements." That has oot dimmed Mr. Hayes's enthusiasm for returning to Vietnam, a country he saw under different circumstances as a U.S. Navy lieutenant on a patrol boat in the Mekong Delta in 1968 and

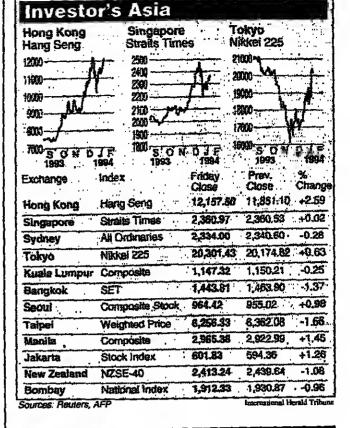
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up so far in 1994. year earlier, to 12,156, the association said. This included 11,359 pas-

creased by nearly 1,550 percent to 659 in January against only 40 a year ago, General Motors Corp. by 27.8 percent, 10 529, and Ford by 194.3 percent, to 465 cars. Lower prices for 1994 models because of the strong yen and low interest loans offered by foreign car

Foreign-made vehicle sales in dealers helped to push up Januar January rose 33.8 percent from a sales, an association official said. dealers helped to push up January Analysts earlier said the overall Japanese sales of imported cars were likely to rise to 250,000 cars in senger cars, up 27.1 percent. were likely to rise to 250,000 Sales of Chrysler Corp. cars in-

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projects, officials said Friday. "It is inevitable that the market will have to be opened up to smooth our entry to GATT, said Chang Tehchon, an official of the Interior Ministry's Construction Administration, "but it will be done gradually."

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Comments such as that are usually made by those with the perlucid visioo of hindsight. Identifying opportunities in the present and acting to take advantage of them is a different matter: It oormally requires a considerable measure of analytical insight, the courage to act on the analysis, and a reasonable amount of

That said, there appears to be a good, if not occessarily a golden, opportunity on the market right now. Two U.K. fund managers, Kleinwort Benson and Mercury, are offering investors mutual funds that invest in European privatizations. They are sbortly to be followed by a third manager, Guinness Flight, which is scrambling to get the wraps off its product as quickly as it can.

It is the established view of this column

that privatizations come as close as it is possible to come to a risk-free equity invest-ment. What underpins the equity value is the desire of governments for power. There is a political guarantee that the assets will be priced low enough to ensure a financial suc-

The idea is oot new, unless you take a long view of things and argue that the bread and circuses for the Roman masses belong to modern history. But whatever its antiquity, the policy has had a measure of success. The political efficacy of giving things away is questionable: It seems that gratitude is alien to modern electorates, who on the whole prefer a sullen acceptance of what is on offer.

The financial success, however, has been remarkable, Although some of the Portuguese privatizations had a sticky start, the French, Italian, and U.K. issues have been almost universally successful from first trad-

Investors oeed to consider the charging structures of mutual funds (U.K., vehicles typically have higher fees than their U.S. counterparts). But the charges may seem bearable, given the difficulty that French investors had trying to buy shares direct this week when the French petroleum giant, Elf. was floated. Convenient, if not inexpensive, these funds are a buy for international investors who want equity exposure.

Foreign Cash Inflow Nourishes Japanese Funds

By Conrad de Aenlle

UST how good was the good news from Japan this week? Individual in-vestors with an interest in Japaneseinvested mutual funds found that they had done well, but not so well as you might expect. In fact, of nine open-end investment funds for which net asset values were available, only one — DFA Japan Smaller Companies — beat the 8.8 percent gain of the benchmark Nikkei 225 index oo Monday and Tuesday.
Of three closed-end funds, which reflect

of three closed-end rands, which reflect investor demand as well as management actimen, two beat the Nikkei. As would be expected, the best performers were funds that offer leveraged plays on Japan by investing in warrants. Shares in Banque Indosuez's Japan Guaranteed Fund that trade in warrants rose a whopping 56 percent in January, with oearly half of that coming in the last six trading days. (Daily net asset the last six trading days. (Daily net asset values were oot available.)
Why did almost all the other funds do

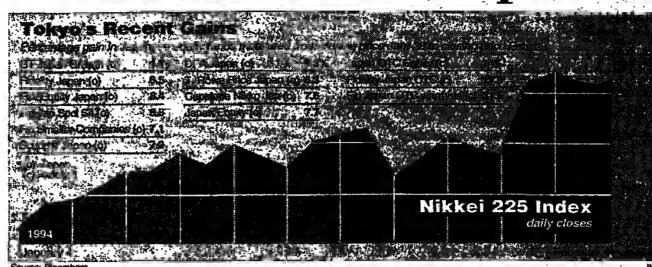
such a mediocre job? Bill McBride, of Lipper Analytical Services, thinks it is because the Nikkei is heavily weighted with companies that "the funds typically will be light in, like banks and exporters. A lot of those are the beaten-down ones that will have the biggest bounce." For that reason, he thinks that when all the results are in, the market will have driven index funds higher than more

actively managed ooes. Maybe it's the funds that are doing the driving. Many who follow the Asian markets credit the gain in Tokyo to a sudden influx of institutional mooey that had recently been pulled out of other, botter markets in the region — the financial equivalent of rats deserting a buoyant ship for a foundering one they hope is oo the verge of righting

Even though the Nikkei is closer to the bottom than the top of its four-year bear market, it still sports a gain this year of about 16 percent in yen terms, or 20 percent for investors who think in dollars, All other key markets in Asia, meanwhile, except Hong Kong, have lost ground for the year in dollar terms. Losses range from a slight 1 percent or so in Singapore, to 12 percent in Thailand and Malaysia and an agonizing 38 percent in

The cash that spurted across the Sea of Japan is mainly owned by Americans, ob-served Shiroshi Nakagawa, director of re-search in Tokyo for Morgan Stanley. "In the last two years, U.S. fund managers

increased their exposure in international markets," he noted. "The first money went M.B. to Europe, then they increased their weighting in Southeast Asia because Asian markets



were so hot in 1993, they thought U.S. market valuations were getting too high, then the performance of the Southeast Asian markets was too good and they started to worry about valuations in those markets. Then they looked at Tokyo, saw that it hadn't done much, so they shifted money to

Americans have oot been the only buyers.
"Last week, I called a broker in Hong Kong;
he told me everyone there is looking for Japanese stocks to buy," said Stephen Bron-te, managing director of Alpine Eagle Invest-ments, a hedge fund that specializes in Ja-pan. "The feeling is markets in Southeast

Asia have shot their wad for the time being and Japan represents the best value."

What pointed investors to Japan was, curiously enough, the failure the first time around of Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa's electoral reform package one week before Monday's 8 percent jump, Mr.

McBride said. When that happened, the Nikkei fell nearly 5 percent in a day. (A compromise that salvaged the reform effort was cited by some as the cause of Monday's rise.)
For American investors, especially insti-

tutions, the failure of reform measures was like waving a sign that said "buy," " he said.

"When you look at a three- or four-year chart, that selloff for contrarians was a buy-ing opportunity. [They decided] that the downside was substantially less risky now. When a market's fallen as far as Tokyo has

in the last few months, that six percent fall was what a lot of people were looking for." A lot of foreign people, anyway, The fond-ness that outsiders have shown for Japanese stocks has not been shared by domestic investors; indeed, they seemed downright dis-

dainful of them — until Monday.

"From the beginning of the year, foreigners were major buyers and domestic institutions in Japan were net sellers," said Shuji

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Mishiyama, executive director of Daiwa Eu-rope's equity sales division. "Today, individ-nal [Japanese] buyers finally joined the rally. They had been not sellers until last Thursday

or Friday, then they joined the buy side."

That's why the move in Tokyo makes some people uneasy. Such unanimity of opinion about financial markets is seldom

deserved.

The fact that foreigners have been the most willing buyers is especially disconcerting, for they generally know less about a market than the people who live in it. Mr. Mishiyama expects locals to remain aloof, with struggling corporations continuing to all charge to deserve the heads for the fieral sell shares to dress up the books for the fiscal year that ends in March.

It is this tug-of-war between foreign and domestic traders that will determine the course of Japanese stocks, people who follow

them say,
"The balance between foreign and Japanese money is very, very delicate," Morgan
Stanley's Mr. Nakagawa advised. "If foreign
money can push up the Tokyo market to 21,
22, 23,000, domestic institutional money
won't be able to stay away." Should that
level be attained, he asserted, the Nikkei
could reach 28,000.
That's the bullish scenario, of which Mr. That's the bullish scenario, of which Mr.

Broote is an adherent. "It looks like the market is going to take out its '93 high [of 21,281] fairly shortly," he said. "Now that liquidity is returning to Japan, you could rise another 20 to 30 percent from this level." Or not. Mr. Nakagawa warned that "the

down side is if foreigners stop putting money into the market, it could go back to 17,

He doesn't see much fundamentally to be cheerful about, either: "Hosokawa's [economic] reform package is discounted in the price [of shares], earnings are getting worse. and worse. They say we could see a recovery-this year, but there's no concrete reason for this. It's a very tough situation for the Japanese market."

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Good News, Bad News for Yen During the Week

International Herald Tribune OR dollar-orientated investors, the upsurge in the Japanese equity market was compounded over the week by the strength of the yen.
Until Friday's rise in U.S interest rates, all news was good news for the yen, which started out the week at a mid-price of just over 109

to the dollar, and added almost 2 percent before falling back against a resurgent greenback late in the week. Even the failure of Japan's coalition government's tax-cutting proposals was deemed to be advantageous for the yen. The thinking

disagreement over tax policy would delay trade talks with the United States. This, in turn, would allow the Japanese to continue to rum their enormous trade surplus.

The stronger yen flies in the face of the consensus of currency analysis' views at the beginning of the year, when it was widely assumed that 1994 would see a sharp rise in the value of the greenback against most major currencies, including the yen.

"Last year, the dollar was blighted by a number of factors," said one Frankfurt-based foreign exchange dealer. "One of them was President Clinton saying that a strong yen behind traders' buying the currency on the would improve trade relations between Japan many dealers as having come in Angust of news was that the Japanese government's and the United States by making Japanese last year, when the dollar bottomed.

imports into the United States more expen-"But the U.S rate rise might stop him getting his wish."

Dollar-orientated holders of Japanese stock and bonds saw their investments rise more than 20 percent last year on currency movements alone,

Foreign exchange dealers remain confident, however, that the dollar will now con-tinue use against the year this year. A broadly bullish longer view also prevails for its prospoets against the German mark.

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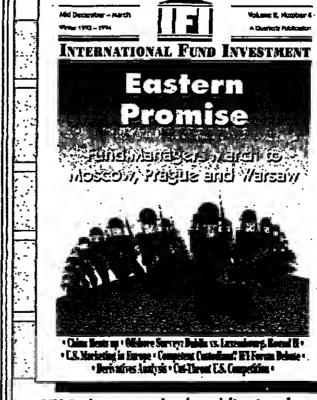
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· For U.S. Expatriates, the Right Medical Policy Can Be Crucial Britain, there is the International Associa-

By Michael D. McNickle

OUR heart's stopped. Now how good is that overseas medical policy? A mistake here can cost dearly. Busy international executives, experts say, tend to overlook nuances to their health coverage until something happens. Then, of course, it's too late to shore up

gaps in overseas medical insurance.

The typical expet is not detail-oriented on those kinds of issues and doesn't normally take the time to read a formal policy on the medical plan," said Frank McGoldrick, a consultant with A. Foster Higgins & Co. in New

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York and formerly an international benefits specialist for multinational corporations. A survey of Fortune 500 companies by Kwasha Lipton, the benefits consulting firm, found that 88 percent kept traditional expatriates (those directly employed by the U.S. headquarters) on the home-based policy, while third-country nationals, who may also be U.S. expats, were 46 percent enrolled in

local health programs.

Douglas Polifron, an independent agent for Mutual of Omaha in New York specializing in international medical insurance, said that when it comes to selecting a plan, "a lot of people don't ask the right questions." He noted, for instance, that some major corpo-

rations "have caps [limits] of \$50,000 a year for a medical catastrophe overseas." Hardly enough for major surgery and a lengthy

hospitai stay. Mr. Polifron said that executives signing on for their corporate plan, or buying a private one, should "get an actual copy of the policy before purchasing it" and "make sure there's not a schedule of benefits . . . that puts a price on specific procedures."

Another consideration, Mr. McGoldrick said, is whether there is any "assignment of benefits" spelled out in the policy. Usually, he noted, there is "no assignment," which means that in the event of a major problem, the expat, or the employer, is going to have

to come up with a large sum of money to pay for treatment. Expats with smaller firms, which may find it difficult to come up with \$50,000 or more, or with a firm that may not want to pay the money, can find themselves

in trouble. Mr. Polifron said that executives who want a little added level of protection should check with their company and current insurance carrier to see if a supplementary plan will be comparible with the existing policy. The cost varies, but Mr. Polifron said that one plan, which requires no physical exam, costs \$112 a month and goes into force after \$50,000 has been spent in the primary plan. The additional coverage is up to \$1 million.

and need a primary plan, Mr. Polifron said that policies run from \$170 to \$200 a month for a U.S. or European citizen aged 40 to 54. Coverage through a nonprofit group, like the Washington based Federated League of Americans Around the Globe, runs \$960 annually for a policy in Europe, the Far East or South America (ages 40 to 69) or \$1,254 in the Middle East and Africa for the same age

Of course, all the insurance in the world will not help if the expat is unable to find adequate medical care. For help in finding an English-speaking physician usually trained in the United States, Canada or

tion for Medical Assistance to Travellers (IAMAT) in Lewiston N.Y.

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If all else fails, and the care needed is just not available overseas, it's time to bail ont.

Companies like International S.O.S. Assistance, based in Philadelphia, offer a wide range of medical and emergency assistance to expatriates. They will do everything from notify and liaison with family in the United States, to having one of their U.S. physicians consult with local medical personnel, to providing a medical escort for evacuation back to the United States. It costs about \$340 a year for an individual to obtain coverage.

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Listed below are medical health and expaniate help telephone numbers, plus actual sample prices for overseas medical policies. This is an illustration, not an exhaustive list of policies international-

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(1) 202 628-5488. Age 40 to 69 individual: \$960 to \$1,254 a year, with spouse, additional \$708 to \$822, child \$390. Coverage available to U.S. citizens who are members of FLAAG. Membership fee is

Lloyds of London.
 Donglas Polifron New York agent (1) 212 752-0647. Age 40 to 54 individual: \$202 per month, with spouse additional \$182, child 0-21 also \$182. The Lloyds policy is available for one year and is

• Mutual of Omaha.
(1) 212 490-7979. Age 18 to 64 individual: \$169, per month, spouse additional \$169, child 0 to 21 is \$51. This policy is renewable.

International S.O.S. Assistance.
 (1) 215 244-1500. This coverage is for emergency medical evacuation and repatriation. Individual: \$340 a year.

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By Barbara Wall

cy treatment and the nearest hospital was several hundred miles

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sands of dollars. Health insurance, on the other hand, need not cost a fortune. As demand for cover has increased over the years, providers have expanded their policy range to suit

"Emergency evacuation is an essential service for people who travel to remote areas with less sophisticated medical facilities, said

By Rupert Bruce

friendly face close at hand. Those who have access to state

"State-controlled systems rarely allow you the opportunity to choose your doctor or hospital," said David Pryor, development director for the international health insurers, Expacare. "And if you have recently arrived in the country, you will probably have to plow through a mountain of paperwork and red tape before you are officially regis-tered with the relevant authorities. This delay can pose problems if you require medical treatment in

There are several policies on the the interim." market that are specifically designed for the budget-conscious. To start with, you should know International Health Insurance what local facilities are available. (IHI), in Denmark; offers a lowplans, And Western Provident As-

By Barbara Wall

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think the drug sector will have a much tougher time in the 1990s According to Lehman Brothers, than the 1980s." the investment bank, the pharmacentical market is set to grow at about 5 percent a year (in value) worldwide in the 1990s. This is lackinster when compared with

pattern [from now on].

in Asia. Especially in Southeast

Asia, with the development of a

middle class that demands decent

standards of health care. But I do

thell 5 percent in the five years In the United States, the world's largest health care market, Lehman notes that were about 30,000 job onts in the industry in 1993. Ironically, it is not the Clintons' pledge of health insurance for everyone that has caused this Instead, the corporate sector, fed up with some

ing health care bills, has put downward pressure on costs.

In Europe, however, there has EALTH CARE funds used to be among the best performing fueled by untrameled inflabeen regulation. In Germany, for example, health care cost controls were introduced on Jan. 1, 1993, and sales of pharmaceuticals fell by about 20 percent in the first quar-ter. The health care recession in the tion in drug prices, which drove pharmaceutical shares higher. But United States is reflected by a fall now drug prices have virtually stopped rising and pharmacentical stocks are out of favor. What used of more than 17 percent in the Standard & Poors Diversified Health Care Index between its to be an easy sector to perform well peak in the first quarter of 1992 and its trough in the third quarter in has become the preserve of the skilled stockpicker.
Antony Milford, London-based of last year. The American Ex-change Biotechnology Index fell 28 investment manager of the Frank-ington Health Fund, a U.K. unit percent in 1993.

Globally, the situation is reflecttrust (open-ended mutual fund), said: "I think the message is that ed by the dismal performance of health care funds. Statistics from although overall you will find the Micropal, the fund performance specialist, show that on average indexes were down last year, there were plenty of individual stocks funds ended 1993 at virtually the you could have made money in, and I think that is very much the same value they started it. But over the last three years they have managed an average rise of more than Demographics are still incredi-bly favorable, with people living kinger all the time in the West and

Two investment managers who have done well despite the health care recession — although poorly compared with most stock market investments - are Framington's Mr. Milford and GT Management's San Francisco-based Ted Gomoll Mr. Milford's Framling ton Health Fund rose by more than 5 percent last year in dollar terms. The GT Biotechnology & Health Care Fund, an offshore fund, rose by 10 percent in the year, according

to Micropal. Mr. Milford says that what has happened among U.S. health care stocks since the dark days of late 1992 and early 1993, when the stock markets were running scared that the health care business would be heavily regulated, is that investors have started to discriminate between those sectors that will

Drug-Related Funds Face Depression prosper and those that will suffer in the new era of cost containment. which have 20 to 25 percent lower premiums than the traditional in-

The areas that were favored and are still thought to be best placed for the future are U.S. biotechnology stocks, and U.S. cost-containment plays, like health care maintenance organizations (HMOs). Meanwhile, the big drug compa-nies that produce branded drugs that can easily be substituted by cheaper generic drugs have continned to perform badly. "We did very well in the last two years in the biotechnology fund,"

said Mr. Gomoll. The reason being that we concentrated on biotechnology stocks with product revenues and earnings and we shifted a lot of our portfolios into the managed care area [e.g. HMOs]." HMOs are set to do well in the

era of containment because they keep costs down. They pay doctors fixed fees and the more care doctors give patients, the less profit they make. So it is in doctors' interests to make sure patients stay well. and out of expensive hospitals. "This all started because compa

nies were fed up with their health care bills going up by 30 percent a year," said Mr. Milford. "First of all, they did deals with the drug ies and started switching away from branded products to gonenc products, and then, by encouraging people to join HMOs,

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Credit Card Companies Lure Clients With Varied Health and Accident Coverage

By Conrad de Aenlle

bealth and accident insurance that people tend to overlook, even though they carry it around in their wallets. Credit cards can provide benefits. payable when a cardholder or a family member gets sick or, more gious the card you hold. If you've often, is injured while on a voyage in which the tickets were purchased

The benefits vary widely from toward their cards."

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Martin, who writes for the Cards ries. All of them, though, provide International newsletter. "The the minimum coverage required by benefits get greater the more presti-It's a way of enticing cardholders

town medical expenses, minus a "It's mostly health and accident deductible, for instance, while insurance, not life, and often travel those issued by others will pay only insurance, as well," said Richard to compensate for accidental injunities. All of them, though, provide

Visa's parent organization.
"On gold cards there are minigot a gold card, you'll get more mum standards of insurance that than if you had the standard card, member banks must offer," said Clare Hunt, a Visa spokeswoman. "Of course, members are in compe-

card to card, and even among cards. Some offer more enticements tition, and many offer much greatiles at an extra fee that varies with of the same brand issued by different banks of in different parts of the world.

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Likewise, she said that "if our Likewise, she said that "if our the world" is the world. to [standard] cardholders, we're pleased they do, but it's only required on the gold card."

> question does not have to be to Papua New Guinea and back. Mrs. Hunt said that a cardholder who lives in Paris and buys a monthly Metro pass with a gold card is covered should he fall on the tracks and break his neck. She adds that the coverage is in addition to any other medical insurance the card-

holder may have.

Best Performers Worst Performers not include medical insurance unrelated to accidents. All that member banks are required to do is cal coverage, said a Diners spokes-provide a referral service to card-man, Kevin Lewis. solders who may come down with something in a strange place.

Holders of American Express gold cards in Britain are entitled to benefits as high as £250,000 (\$375,00), depending on the injury, under its travel accident insurance policy. Hospitalization insurance also is offered to cardholders and nembers of their immediate fam-

pan and their depen-dents are entitled to free medical insurance when The minimum coverage on Visa traveling abroad, but only up to 2 gold cards is \$150,000 in travel accident insurance. And the trip in amount of coverage in accidents. benefits up to 50 million yen.

There is another curious benefit for Amex cardholders in Japan: Anyone who pries them from wreckage, plucks them from the sea or ntherwise rescues them from harm can claim up to 3 million yen. One of the most attractive insur-

ance packages is offered by Diners Chub, at least to its British card-Visa's mandated minimums do holders. In addition to £100,000 worth of accident insurance, the cards come with £250,000 of medi-

As with other payment cards, the insurance provision is activated when a Diners holder uses the card

to buy travel tickets.

Diners Club cards issued elsewhere generally do not offer free medical insurance, Mr. Lewis said. That's the case in the United States, where the accident insurance benefit, at up to \$350,000, is

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The reason for the geographic variation in benefits is that Diners variation in benefits is that Diners will be variations in different maris actually an umbrella group that will be variations in different marhands out franchises to financial kets as members decide what is the to be one factor that people doo't hands out franchises to financial service firms in different regions, much as the large credit card companies do, explained Angela Summers, another spokeswoman for Diners Club loternational. Citicorp, for instance, holds the franchise for Britain, Ireland, Germany is considered what is the consider when deciding what kind of plasoc they want in their wallets, "said a Brussels-based considered when deciding what kind of plasoc they want in their wallets, "said a Brussels-based considered when deciding what kind of plasoc they want in their wallets, "said a Brussels-based considered when deciding what kind of plasoc they want in their wallets, "said a Brussels-based considered when deciding what kind of plasoc they want in their wallets, "said a Brussels-based considered when deciding what kind of plasoc they want in their wallets, "said a Brussels-based considered when deciding what kind of plasoc they want in their wallets, "said a Brussels-based considered when deciding what kind of plasoc they want in their wallets, "said a Brussels-based considered when deciding what kind of plasoc they want in their wallets, "said a Brussels-based considered when deciding what kind of plasoc they want in their wallets, "said a Brussels-based considered when deciding what kind of plasoc they want in their wallets, "said a Brussels-based considered when deciding what kind of plasoc they want in their wallets, "said a Brussels-based considered when deciding what kind of plasoc they want in their wallets, "said a Brussels-based considered when deciding what kind of plasoc they want in their wallets, "said a Brussels-based considered when deciding what kind of plasoc they want in their wallets, "said a Brussels-based considered when deciding what kind of plasoc they want in their wallets, "said a Brussels-based considered when deciding what kind of plasoc they want in their wallets, "said a Brussels-based considered when a
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U.S. Market Values Debt-Ridden Firms

Corporations may be trying to wipe off the debt they took on in the 1980s, but shareholders don't seem to mind it; actually, they sort

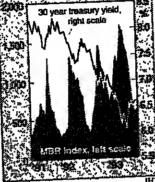
A study of 2,000 American companies done by the editors of the newsletter Personal Finance found that share prices of the businesses with the most debt as a percentage of equity outperformed those with clear balance sheets over the last

The companies were split into seven groups, the highest-debt group having, on average, 2.34 times as much debt as corporate equity and the lowest-debt group having no debt at all. The first group gained 24.9 percent in price, on average, and the second gained a mere 8.7 percent. Those in the five groups in the middle gained between 11.8 and 16.9 percent.

Long-Bond Yields: A Tale of Two Graphs

It's rare that two graphs provide a perfect mirror image of one another. But the chart provided by U.S. fund manager Scudder, Ste-





vens & Clark shows an impressive cootra-cyclical relationship hetween the mortgage relinancing index and U.S. government long-bond yields. Scudder's argument is that after more than four months of steady fall, the refinancing index is

In Britain, the Perk of Private Care

By Aline Sullivan

RIVATE health insurance is fast becoming the most attractive perk on offer to expatriates working in Britain, as the country that boasts the oldest public health service in the world struggles to spread the cost of health care.

John Major's government has forged ahead with attempts to introduce market disciplines into the Na-tional Health Service (NHS), despite cries of protest from doctors and opposition politicians. In the mean-while, private health insurers — who offer policyhold-ers the chance to jump the long lines for NHS treatment - have never had it so good,

"People want private cover because it allows for speed and choice, said David Bryant, spokesman for British United Provident Association (BUPA), the country's leading private health insurer. Private medical cover allows policyhniders free access to any one of Britain's 12,000 consultant doctors and leaves complete discretion oo treatment in the consultant chosen. It also opens the doors to Britain's growing number of private hospitals.

About 11 percent of British residents are covered by private medical insurance, according to Mr. Bryant. That figure should reach 16.5 percent by the end of the century, he said. Corporate members account for about 60 percent of total policyhulders and that figure nies to affect.

is rising as employees come to expect private care as part of their remmeration package.

Leo Puri, a management consultant at the London

office of Chicago-based consultancy A.T. Kearney, said employees working in Britain increasingly expect private health cover and many companies are boosting

the level of benefit on offer.

"There is oo questino that it is an essential part of compensacion," said Mr. Puri. "People are worried about relying on the NHS, oot just expat workers but also British employees." A.T. Kearney offers full BUPA benefits in all its employees, many of whom elect to pay a premium for their spouses to have

Coverage.

That trend looks set to cootinue. A recent report by management consultants Andersen Consulting, a Londoo-based unit of Arthur Andersen & Co, predicts that more and more private money will be spent on health care in Britain as panents supplement public

provisions with private insurance.

This is good news for the handful of insurers that dominate the health-care market. The biggest of these, including BUPA, are provident associations, or onnprofit mutuals. Other insurers have sought to win a share of this fast-growing market, incloding Norwich Union, Sun Alliance and Cigna Employee Benefits. The only downside risk for these insurers is that the

cost of private health care might soar to the point

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Cavs Clamp Down On Robinson, So Spurs Turn to Ellis

Pay too little attention in David Robinsoo and he will destroy you. Pay too much attention to Robinson and Dale Ellis will destroy you. While Cleveland's defense harassed Robinson into 6-for-22 shooting Thursday night, Ellis scored 31 points and made the winning three-point play with 4.2 sec-

NBA HIGHLIGHTS

onds left as the San Antonio Spurs beat the Cavaliers, 98-97, in Richfield, Ohio.

"The guys found me for some nice looks on the perimeter," Ellis said. "I had some sbots that were

pretty much uncontested."
Ellis sank all four of his 3-point attempts, adding a free throw after one of them for a rare 4-point play midway through the fourth quarter. But his biggest basket came at the end, when he took a pass from

Robinsoo and sank a layup while getting fouled by John Williams. With the free throw, the Spurs had their fifth consecutive victory and their 16th in 19 games.

"We were trying to get the ball inside to David for an easy basket." Ellis said. "They were so aware of me coming off picks to take the jump shot, I was able to slip back door for the easy look and David found me wide open underneath

Ellis, who made 10 of 13 shots, has averaged 30.6 points over the

last three games.

Mark Price led the Cavaliers with a seasoo-high 29 poiots. Cleveland played most of the game without Brad Daugherty, who had the fin and left after playing eight scoreless minutes in the first quarter. But Larry Nance and Williams filled in expertly, teaming to hold Robinson nine points below his average. Nance scored 19 points, Williams 12, "We were trying to make him shoot outside shots, because lately he has been trying to drive to the basket and make layups," Williams

The Spurs started quickly, going up 16-4 in the first five minutes and stretching the lead to as many as 13 points late in the first quarter. But Cleveland closed to 48-46 at the

The Cavaliers took their first lead at 63-62 on Price's driving layup with 4:15 left in the third quarter, and neither team led by more than three after that. Rockets 99, Lakers 88: In Hous-

ton. Hakeem Olajuwon scored 10 of his 28 points in the third quarter and the Rockets beld off a late rally to beat the Lakers.

Olajuwon also had 15 rebounds for the Rockets, who have beaten the Lakers five straight times. Otis Thorpe added 20 points and 13 rebounds.

Elden Campbell scored a career-

high 29 points and had 13 rebounds Bulls 94, Jazz 85: In Salt Lake

City, B.J. Armstrong scored 20 points for Chicago, Scottie Pippen added 19 and reserve center Bill Wennington bad eight points in the

Karl Malone scored 24 points, but was beld scoreless over the final 4:27 as Utah was held to its lowest point total of the season and lost at home for only the fifth time.

Trail Blazers 126, Suns 105: In Portland, Oregon, Harvey Grant scored a season-high 29 points and six other Portland players scored in double figures. The Blazers built a 23-point lead with four minutes left in the second period and were oever seriously

threatened thereafter. Grant connected on 13 of 19 shots, and Clifford Robinson and Clyde Drexler added 17 points



The Suns' Elliot Perry driving the Trail Blazers' Cliff Robinson during Portland's 126-105 victory, front of me."

Duke, in Turn, Finds It's Tough Being No. 1

It's tough being No. 1. Duke became the latest team to find that out oo Thursday night, when second-ranked North Carolina beat the top-ranked Bine Devils by a handy score of 89-78, at Cha-pel Hill, North Carolina.

The Blue Devils are the fifth consecutive No. 1 team to be knocked off this season. Duke was the lasttop-ranked team to visit North Carolina's home court, the Smith Center, and Duke lost that game too.

Thursday's game marked the first time the two schools had played each other while holding the top two spots in the ranking, and it was the first 1 vs. 2 matchup since top-ranked University of Nevada-Las Vegas beat Arkansas, 112-105, on Feb. 10, 1991. The game was close until the Tar

Heels (18-3, 6-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) broke it open with a 15-3 run in the second half to take a 59-48 lead with 12:35 to play. Duke (15-2, 6-2) never got closer than six points the rest of the way as North Carolina played a near flawless floor game led by point guards Derrick Phelps and Jeff McInnis.

Pheips, the senior starter, had 18 points, while McInnis, his freshman backup, had eight. Each had six assists and neither was charged

with a turnover. "Phelps was just sensational and McInnis did a very good job," North Carolina coach Dean Smith said. "I thought our defense was very sharp at the beginning of the second half, which was the turning point for pa."

Phelps also was responsible for covering Duke's Grant Hill, who finished with 20 points and five

"It was tough assignment for me. I'm not used to playing against anybody that tall," said the 6-foot-4 (1.94-meter) Phelps, who gave away four inches. "He's stronger has been also been assignment to be stronger." than me. I just try to keep him in

Hill scored half of his points in

"I thought Grant Hill had a tremendous last three minutes," Smith said. "We couldn't stop him. We started Phelps on him at the beginning of the second half and he did as good a job as possible."

Hill wasn't down after the game.
"We were in the ballgame when COLLEGE BASKETBALL

most teams would have folded," Hill said. "It seemed like they had about 20 guys ont there. They just kept coming in and coming in. i-wanted to come out and rest but i

The Blue Devils led 40-38 at halftime after shooting 64 percent (16-for-25). They couldn't keep that pace up and finished at 47 percent (29-for-62), including 5for-21 from 3-point range.

"It's kind of disappointing when you're getting good shots and they're not going down," said Duke's Chris Collins, who finished with 15 points on 4-for-12 shooting. "We got some good looks but it just wouldn't go in."

If North Carolina, which played its fourth straight game without in-jured leading scorer Donald Wil-liams, can beat North Carolina State on Saturday the Tar Heels will re-turn to No. 1. They were the preseason No. 1 and are one of the record six teams to hold the spot during the season along with Duke, Kentucky, UCLA, Arkenses and Kansas.

Tim not sure anybody wants to be No. I right now," said North free throws on a technical that had Carolina center Eric Mentross, been called on Joseph Blair for who had 16 points and eight rehamping on the rim.

bounds. "It's kind of a carse."

No. 19 California 67, Oregon St.

72: In Los Angeles, Ed O'Bannon tied his season high with 24 points as UCLA routed Southern Cal in the most lopsided game between Coming off a 15-point loss at Cali- for Oregon State (5-12, 1-7).

fornia that knocked them from the No. 1 ranking, the Bruins (15-1, 8-1 Pac-10) dominated the Trojans (10-8, 3-6) from the opening tip.

No. 9 Louisville 76, N.C. Charlotte 55: In Louisville, Tick Rogers ignited a 13-4 sport at the close of the first half with two baskets off steals as the Cardinals (17-2, 7-1) Metro Conference) won their seventh straight game.

No. 10 Temple 65, Rhode Island 51: In Philadelphia, Eddie Jones scored 23 points and had six steals for Temple (15-2, 8-1 Atlantic 10), which used a full-court press to break open a tight game and stretch its winning streak to nine.

No. 11 Massachusetts 62, Florida St. 58: In Amberst, Massachusetts, Lon Roc scored 15 points and Mas-sachusetts held Florida State to one basket in the final nine minutes.
Roe's jumper with 4:53 left gave
Massachusetts (17-3) its first lead of the second half, 57-56. Bob Sura, who had 18 points for Florida State (9-8), hit a layup before Marcus Camby made a free throw for UMass to tie it at 58 with three. minutes remaining. Roe then blocked a shot by Sura. Camby grabbed the deflection and Dana Dingle hit a layup with 2:07 left to put Massachusetts ahead to stay.

No. 12 Arizona 89, Washington St 68: In Pullman, Washington, amon Stoudamire scored eight points in a late 16-4 scoring run as Arizona (17-3, 6-2 Pac-10) put away Washington State. The home team had tied the game, 59-59, with 6:56 remaining on Eddie Hill's two

No. 19 California 67, Oregon St. No. 4 UCLA 101, Southern Cal. 61: In Corvallis; Oregon, Jason 2: In Los Angeles, Ed O'Bannon Kidd scored 27 points, including 10 ed his season high with 24 points of Cal's last 13. The Bears (13-4, 6-2 Pac-10) also got 15 points and 11 rebounds from Lamond Murray.

Buddy Ryan Will Coach Phoenix

PHOENIX. Arizona - Buddy Ryan, the controversial Houston Oilers' defensive coordinator, has been named head coach and general manager of the Phoenix Cardinals, the NFL team an-

Ryan signed a four-year contract Thursday to take over the Cardinals' operation. He promised to bring his trademark attacking defense to Phoenix. "We'll be playing 'Buddy Ball,' "Ryan said. "That's smart, physical football, the kind people like to see."

the kind people like to see. Cardinals' owner Bill Bidwill fired bead coach Joe Bugel on Jan. 24 after the team finished 7-9. Larry Wilsoo was fired as general manager on Dec.

Ryan, who will be 60 next week, is regarded as one of football's most innovative and effective defensive coaches. He made the Oilers the topranked defense in the American Football Conference with 238 points allowed last season.

Houston registered a club record 52 sacks in

Ryan's first year as defensive coordinator and the Oilers led the league with 26 interceptions. Despite his success with the Oilers, Ryan was at the center of cootroversy in Houston because of his rift with offensive coordinator Kevin Gilbride that

came to a bead when be threw a punch at Gilbride

on national television during the final game of the

Ryan, rather than apologize for his actions, later further insulted Gilbride in newspaper interviews, saying the offensive coordinator had no business coaching in the pros.

There had been speculation that the incident may bave cost Ryan any chance at another head coaching position but Bidwill felt he was the man to turn the Cardinals into contenders. Ryan was a defensive assistant with the Jets

(1968-75) and the Minnesota Vikings (1976-77) before becoming the defensive coordinator of the Chicago Bears (1978-85). There, he devised the 46 defense, which places great pressure on a quarter-back by putting eight defenders on or just behind

the line of scrimmage.

That defense belped the Bears win Super Bowl XX after the 1985 season.

Then Ryan became the head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles (1986-90) and led them to the playoffs three straight years, but each time they were knocked out in the first round. He frequently criticized the Eagles' owner, Norman Braman. When Ryan made one snide remark too many, Braman did oot renew his contract, and never mind that Ryan woo 10, 11 and 10 games in his last three seasons. (Reuters, NYT)

Arnie, Army in Tow, Calls Up the Past With a 69

By Larry Dorman

New York Times Service
PEBBLE BEACH, California — He strode the fairways as of old, grinning, wav-ing and carrying his putter like a jeweled scepter. Out of the forests and into the limelight, some dreamlike flashback of what he once was, Arnold Palmer returned to the

Beach National Pro-Am, playing on Spy-glass Hill, the most difficult of the three

Delsing, who shot 66 at Pebble Beach, and the surprising Jerry Pate, whose 66 at Pebble Beach was his lowest round since he began playing orange golf balls.
Palmer hasn't shot a round this low here

since 1971, when this tournament was the Crosby and Richard Nixon - one of the five presidents with whom Palmer has played golf -- was in the White House. Thursday, playing in a group that included a former president, George Bush, Palmer once again

became the King. He hit 14 greens, missed the putting stroke to make his way around just 2 fairways and took only 29 putts.

"It was a good round," Palmer said. "Not He saved par twice with 5-footers and made

more of in the days to come." The rancous throngs that traipsed after and stay out at the 15th;

memories of the days of Arnie, when he five shots from shooting his age.

His 3-under-par 69 on Thursday put him four shots behind the tournament's leader, Dudley Hart, and three shore behind it. hitched his pants, tossed his cigarette aside

kick our butts — and he did. There's a lot of game left in that old body." The game that Palmer somehow rediscov-

ered was a bold re-enactment of the way things were. He actually putted well, charging the hole and making comeback putts of four and five feet.

"For those of you who are too young to remember," be said with a smile, "I used to It has been a long time since Palmer had

a spectacular round, but a good round. It was birdie puris of 15, 5, 4 and 15 feet. On the the kind of round I'd like to play a whole lot front nine, be missed one makable putt and had a 10-footer cruise the edge of the hole

Palmer summoned memories of Arnie's Palmer's confidence got a substantial Army, whooping, hollering and cheering boost when he played well last week in the their man on And Palmer's play summoned Senior Skins Game in Hawaii. He finished second in the four-man field with \$115,000 in skins, and was encouraged by the way he was striking the ball.

Of course, he has had this feeling before. Many times. Low first rounds have a way of slipping into high second rounds. Palmer's last victory of any kind was the 1988 Crestar Classic on the Senior PGA Tour, and his last victory on the regular PGA Tour was the 1973 Bob Hope Desert Classic.

He labors under no illusions about the rest of this tournament. In the first three rounds, each golfer plays one round at Pebble Beach Spyglass Hill and Poppy Hills. Those who survive the 54-hole cut finish the tournament

on Sunday at Pehble Beach.

Still Palmer was enjoying his return to the top of the page, reveling in the knowledge

that he was the low senior in a field-that includes Jack Nicklaus, Raymond Floyd and Dave Stockton.

"Of course I'm charged up," he said, "When I can't get charged and don't do something reasonable with my game, when I start cluttering up the area, then I won't be

■ Faldo Misses Cut in the Walker

World No. 1 and defending champion Nick Faldo missed the cut in the Johnnia Walker Classic on Friday, Reuters reported from Phuket, Thailand.

Fred Couples, the first round leader, and Bernhard Langer were tied in first place at the halfway stage.
Faldo, feeling the effects of a six-week midwinter break, missed the 4-over-par 148

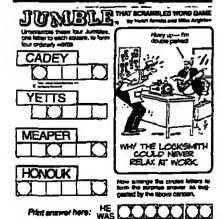
cut after adding a second round 4-over 76 to his opening round 73. "Every part of my game is rusty at the moment," he said. Langer fired a 70 for a six-under par total of 138

Fifth-ranked Couples found the water, with a seven-iron on the tricky par-3 14th for-a double bogey and finished with a par 72, to add to his first day's 66.

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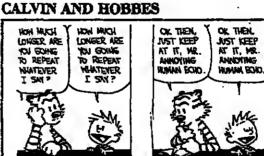


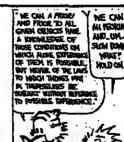
















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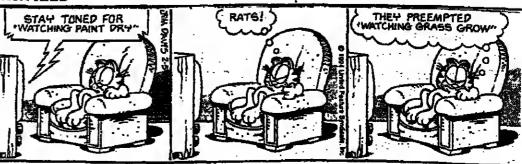
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Grime and Punishment Harding's Sin: She's No Snow White

By Robert Lipsyte
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Figure skating is about looking good. Judges tend to give a higher score for a perfectly performed double axel than for a slightly

maperfect but bold triple axel.
This is about as good a metaphor as you will find about the traditional status of women in sports. This is beyond winning or losing; this is about pleasing men. Nancy Kerrigan and Tonya Harding both please

and traditional Vantage

ways. That's why their story is so

compelling, why it follows so smoothly. It's a basic pilot: the good girl, the victim who needs to be protected, the girl that boys marry, versus the badgirl, the fatal attractor, the girl that boys just skate around with. And we thought it was 1994 already! around with. And we thought it was 1994 already!

This is all image, of course. Looking good, especially in skating, requires enormous work and sacrifice. It means giving up a chunk of childhood and often dragging a whole family along that shippery path: chilly rinks, vacations deferred, lives rearranged to follow a dream with a dicey payoff.

I would no more put down figure skating than put down cheerleading, even though I have prob-lems with both; it's not as if we have offered women that many athletic possibilities.
Figure skating's problem is the overwhelmingly subjective nature of its judging. Sure, we'll be told about the standards and criteria that officials follow, but so do boxing officials, and who trusts them?

The survival of the sport is uppermost in every judge's mind; give victory, however well-carned, to some boxer or diver or gymnast or figure akater of sespect character or bad hair and the whole game could be off TV and back in drafty armories. A lot of people who didn't know much about the

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technical aspects of figure skating were taken with Tonya Harding. She had a real woman's body and a real woman's face and the kind of hunger to survive and succeed that drives single-mom wait-

resses to push two kids through college.

That she was involved in an unhealthy relationship with the only guy who seemed to believe in her was also real; especially since she was an outsider and never seemed to give or get hugs from those "classy" goody two-skates and their parents and coaches and seamstresses and press agents.

But there was a cruel diversion to all this. One subtextual reason this story has such legs is that there are not so many ways for an athletic young woman to find the limits of her energy and talents. And even those who do so often have to fight through men be they exploiting coach or abusive through men, be they exploitive coach or abusive

husband or father. Nowadaya we call the issue "gender equity," but it's still about fair play. The greatest all-round female athlete of the first half of this century, Babe Didrikson, baseball player, basketball player, Olympic track star, golfer, hearty and brave, was dismissed as a failed "man-anatcher." If only she could have gotten a date, she wouldn't have had to act like a man.

It had less to do with Babe than with nervous

male sportswriters helping to prevent women from running and vanlting and singing their way into colleges and boardrooms and legislatures.

Thursday was the eighth annual National Girls and Women in Sports Day. It was titled "Breaking the Barriers" and there was a lunch in Washington and various celebrations around the country, often implying wally and was a single serious. involving walks and runs and seminars.

But you can be sure the real talk of the day was of the slavering rush to push Tonya off the ice. The celebrants understand what that's all about.

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A tabloid headline Thursday was "Noose Tightens on Tonya," and its suggestion of a lynching was apt. There seems a fierce determination out there to punish this woman for not knowing her place, for challenging the establishment, for daring to use muscle and energy to beat sweetness and finesse, for smearing her low-rent, dysfunctional entourage over this crystalline floor.

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She became the meal ticket for a skinny loser and a fat fake whose "criminal record" turned out to be that most ignominious of crimes, trying to pick up a prostitute. And now her former lustand and former bodyguard will cop pleas by claiming that the bad girl, Medusa the seducer, made them do it.

But what about all the other Tonyas, the widebottomed, thin-hipped working-class girls who won't get frisbee scholarships but deserve as much a chance to spread their wings?

That's some question, 62 years after Babe Didrikson won two Olympic gold medals, on the day after National Girls and Women in Sports Day, on the cusp of a TV weekend filled with network the cusp of old in the cusp old in the cusp of old in the cusp old in the c shows of gliding girls who skate like a dream and look like Snow White.



Tonya Harding kissing the video camera of a family friend, Brent Webber, after practice in Portland.

U.S. Panel Sits In Judgment on Harding's Conduct

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispaiches COLORADO SPRINGS. Colorado — A special panel met Friday to consider whether Tooya Harding violated the Olympic code of ethics, while FBI investigators study new evidence that could link her to a plot to attack her rival, Nancy

A five-member panel ap-pointed by the U.S. Figure Skating Association convened here to decide whether a formal disciplinary hearing is warrant-ed for Harding, 23. She would have 30 days to respond if there were a hearing.

The panel's conclusions, ex-pected Saturday, could clear Harding of one hurdle going into the Winter Games oext week in Norway. Or, they could lead to a decision by the U.S. Olympic Committee to bar Harding from competing at the games along with Kerrigan. 24.
The USOC has until Feb. 21, two days before the women's figure skatiog competitions

team roster. Even the USOC, however, may be constrained by law from hlocking Harding's participa-tion in the Olympics because of the USFSA's 30-day response

starts, to make changes in the

period, experts say. Only the International Olympic Committee, which could argue that it is exempt from U.S. law because it is based in Switzerland, is likely to be in a position to stop Harding from skatiog io Norway. Bot 1OC officials said Friday in Lille-

luctant to overrule the USOC if it clears Harding to compete.

Although the USFSA invited Harding to appear Friday, she was not at the session. She again worked out at an ice rink in Portland, Oregon.

There, law-enforcement officials are poring over evidence discovered by chance this week in a restaurant garbage can including a handwritten cote with the came of the arena where Kerrigan practices on Cape Cod. Massachusetts.
The oote, if authenticated.

could corroborate an account of Harding's prior involvement in the plot against Kerrigan provided by Harding's former husband, Jeff Gillooly, who has pleaded guilty to helping orchestrate the attack.

Harding, who has not been charged with any crime, has maintained she had no prior knowledge of the Jan. 6 assault.

But Sunday, Portland restaurant owner Kathy Petersoo found a strange bag of trash had been tossed into her garbage bin illegally and opened it to track down the owner,

On top of the facial tissues and other garbage she found a letter addressed to Gillooly, a check stub from the U.S. Figure Skating Association, and the address of the Tony Kent Are-

na in Dennis, Massachusetts-The Portland Oregonian took photocopies of the ootes to a court-qualified handwriting ex-pert. Dorothy Lehman, who said they appear to have been written by Harding. (AP, Reuters)

her 10th world championship, another

"Technically, she was not much better than we were," Russell said. "But she had more showmanship. She had the best

showmanship Pve ever seen. More than Katarina Witt."

For the Olympics next month, Russell plans to watch the figure skating on televi-sion. She thinks Harding has a better

Lillehammer Organizers Beef Up Downhill Safety

LILLEHAMMER, Norway — Extra padding is being put around potential hazards along the Olympic downhill course after the death of Austrian akier Unite Maier, the Norwegian organizers said Friday. Also Friday, a top official of the International Ski Federation said the body was likely to do something about reducing speeds generally in races like the downing and super G. The FIS president, Marching said. "We know that speed is a big factor in accidents. We will probably have to do something to cat speeds."

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kroner (\$13,300) on additional mats. "We want to be 110 percent

sure," Mundal said.

The mais, which are about 25 centimeters (10 inches) thick, have

been added to padding around television towers, intermediate time gates and snow-making equipment.

After Maier's death in a downhill Saturday at Gamisch-Partenkir-

After Maser's death in a downfull Saturday at Cammach-Partenkin-chen, Germany, her fiance, Hubert Schweighofer, complained that the sack of straw round the timing post where she crashed was inadequate. Lillehammer organizers have already spent between 4 million and 5. million kroner ou safety measures at Kvittjell, although it is a relatively easy course where high speeds are not expected.

In the World of Figure Skating, Dirty Deeds Are Nothing New By Jere Longman

New York Times Service NEW YORK — Depending on the view-point, Fritzi Burger had the great luck or misfortune of being the world's second-best figure skater in the late 1920s and centy 1930s.

for second place.

Thad two husbands," Burger said. "She even beat me at that. She had three." At 83, Burger lives in Gorham, Maine, where she is known as Fritzi Russell. She skates and plays tennis, and once a year she

takes a ski trip to her native Austria. Like most everyone else, she is appalled and fascinated by the assault on Nancy Kerrigan and the involvement of the former husband and bodyguard of Kernigan's chief American rival, Tonya Harding. Nothing so chilling happened in her day,

Russell said in a recent interview, but even thought she saw a member of the Norwe-60 years ago, her supposedly genteel sport gian delegation in the corridor as she refound itself roiled in controversy, games-manship, temper tantrums, grudges, biased judging and mischievous attempts by one planets to gain an edge over another.

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best name skales in the last 1930s.

Herma Planck-Szabo was a friend and countrywoman of Russell's. In 1924, She finished second to Sonja Henie at countrywoman of Russell's. In 1924, Planck-Szabo won a gold medal in figure skating at the Winter Olympics in Chamosente for a silver medal again in 1932. Four settle for a silver medal again in 1932. Four stating at the Winter Olympics in Chamosen times, Burger competed against the Winter Olympics in Chamosen was an 11-year-old Norwegian girl championships. All four times, she settled for second place.

Two years later, at the world champion-this in Strekholm, someone apparently

tried to sabotage Planck-Szabo's performance by slicing her skating boots. Russell Russell said the stories about Henie's

boot; the sole was nearly coming off," Russell said Planck-Szabo told her.

Planck-Szabo had her suspicions - she

Planck-Szabo defeated Henie at those judging and mischievous attempts by one skater to gain an edge over another.

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Planck-Szabo. The public outcry led to a rule change ships in Stockholm, someone apparently that permitted only one judge per country

id. wealthy father have been exaggerated through the years. Undeniably, though, the noticed that someone had cut around the father was skilled at trying to influence the outcome of his daughter's skating competi-tions, Russell said.

"They postponed the beginning of compulsory figures until the boot could be onships, I thought I should have won," "In Budapest, at the 1929 world champi-

"Sonja didn't skate well; she oearly fell

doing a sit spin. But her father began clapping his walking stick so that people would start clapping for her." third Olympic title. A week later, she won At the 1936 Winter Olympics in Gar-hauble among the 1,473 trophies, cups and

misch-Partenkirchen, Germany, Herrie arrived with the hopes of winning a third

Technically, she was not much

gold medal.

According to "The Complete Book of the Olympics," after she managed only a slim lead in the compulsory figures over Ceceiia Colledge, an English skater, Henie grabbed a sheet of paper bearing the judges' marks and ripped it to shreds.

Russell was storing in the same hotel as

accused her of spreading "advertisements" about Colledge's superior skating in the compulsory figures, Russell said.

Skating with technical expertise, employing balletic moves that revolotionized

chance to win than Kerrigan.

"It's an awful, terrible this

said of the assault on Kerrigan.

Well, oot really, she added. "It was just a little argument. I told her I could say whatever I liked."

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ST. LOUIS—Signed Rick solutions succeed to minor-league contract.

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Ilne cooch. GREEN BAY-Named Fritz Shurmur de-Histor coordinator. NEW ORLEANS—Named Everett Withers reassive assistant coach. Named Chip Myoffensive assistant.
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PITTSBURGH—Returned Ladislov Karobin, left wing, to Cleveland of INL. Signed Ion.

Maron, defensemen. Recalled Mike Needham
and Ed Patterson, right wings, from Cleveland.

gold medal.

Russell was staying in the same hotel as Henie. Riding up in the elevator, Henie

"We almost got into a fight," Russell

"If Harding had something to do with it, she should be kicked off the team. If she didn't have anything to do with it, or if they

SIDELINES

Rangers' Gonzalez Gets \$31 Million

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Outlielder Juan Gonzalez and the Texas Rangers agreed Friday to a \$30.7 million, five-year contract, a deal that places him minth on U.S. major league baseball's salary list.

The deal contains options at \$7.25 million for 1999 and \$7.5 million for 1999 and 1990 and 19 2000 that could make it worth \$45.45 million over seven years. If the club exercises the options, the deal would surpass Barry Bonds' \$43.75 million, six-year contract with San Francisco as the largest package in baseball.

• Atlanta outfielder Ron Gant, who agreed Jan. 27 to a \$5.5 millon, oneyear contract, suffered a compound fracture of the right leg in a motorbike accident and underwent surgery Thursday night. "It is highly unlikely he'll miss the entire season." Braves physician Dr. Joe Chandler said.

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TAMPA BAY-Named Mike Dubose defends the line coach and Mike Mulcrkey offensive essistant coach.

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Nertional Hockey League
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FLORIDA-Recalled Eislan Reddick, goolle, to Fordericka, AHL, Recalled Isor Chibrey, torward, from Springfield.

MONTREAL-Sent Andrea Rocked, goolle, to Fordericka, AHL, Recalled Les Kuntar, goolle, from Fredericka, AHL, Recalled Les Kuntar, goolle, BUENOS AIRES (Reuters) — Diego Maradona has been barred from leaving Argentina until the courts determine whether he is guilty of firing an air gum at journalists, a judge said on Friday.

The judge, Francisco Lilo, said the soccer player had been summoned to appear Tuesday before his court in Mercedes, northwest of Buenos Aires.

Maradona, 33, lost his temper and started firing pellets from an air gun this week after he was fired by his club.

at journalists besieging him this week after he was fired by his club. Holyfield to Defend Against Moorer NEW YORK (AP) — Evander Holyfield will defend his WBA and IBF heavyweight championships against unbeaten Michael Moorer, oot Lennox Lewis, as promoter Dan Duva and the Holyfield camp had wanted. Holyfield, 31, was established Thursday as 2-1 favorite for the bout, the bulled April 22 at Cassar Paleon in Law Verse, The 26 years and the Cassar Paleon in Law Verse, The 26 years an

scheduled April 22 at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. The 26-year-old Holyfield's camp wanted Holyfield's next fight to be against Lewis, the

For the Record

The 1995 World Cap of Golf will be played in China, at the Mission Hills Golf Club in Guangdong province, the International Golf Association and the Chinese government announced.

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Oh, My Aching Mouse

MIAMI — People often say to me: "Dave, as a professional columnist, you have a job that requires you to process large quanti-ties of information on a timely basis. Why don't you get a real haircut?"

What these people are REALLY asking, of course, is: How am I able to produce columns with such a high degree of accuracy, day in and day out, 54 weeks per year? The answer is: I use a computer.

This enables me to be highly efficient. Suppose, for example, that I need to fill up space by writing BOOGER BOOGER BOOGER BOOGER BOOGER. To accomplish this in the old pre-computer days, I would have had to type "BOOGER" five times. But now all I have to dn is type it once, then simply hold the left-hand "mouse" button down while "dragging" the "mouse" so that the "cursor" moves over the text that I wish to "select" then release the left-hand "mouse button and position the "cursor" over the "Edit" heading on the "menu bar"; then click the left-hand "mouse" button to reveal the "edit menu"; then position the "cursor" over the "Copy" command; then click the left-hand "mouse" button; then move the "cursor" to the point where I wish to insert the "selected" text, then click the left-hand "mouse" button; then position the "cursor" over the "Edit" heading on the "menu bar" again; then click the left-hand "mouse" button to reveal the "edit menu"; then position the "cursor" over the "Paste" command; then click the left-hand "mouse" button four times; and then, as the French say, "Voilà!" (Literally, "My hand hurts!")

If you need this kind of efficiency in your life, you should get a com-puter. I recommend the kind I have, which is a "DOS" computer ("DOS" is an acronym, meaning "ROM," which means "way beyond

normal human comprehension").
It was invented by Bill Gates. He is now one of the wealthiest individuals on earth - wealthier than Queen Elizabeth; wealthier even than some people who fix car transmissions - and do you want to know why? Because be's the only person in the world who under-stands "DOS." Every day he gets

frantic phone calls:
BUSINESS EXECUTIVE: Our entire worldwide corporate account-

ing system is paralyzed, and no marter what we type into the computer, it replies, "WHO WANTS TO KNOW? (signed) 'DOS.'"

BILL GATES: Ha-ha! I mean, sounds pretty serious. BUSINESS EXECUTIVE:

We'll give you \$17 million to tell us BILL GATES: O. K. Press the

"NUM LOCK" key.
BUSINESS EXECUTIVE: So THAT'S what that thing does! Thanks! The check is on the way!

My current computer, in addition to "DOS," has "Windows," which is another invention of Bill Gates's. You have to be a real stud hombre cybermuffin to handle "Windows." I have spent countless hours trying to get my computer to perform even the most basic data-processing functions, such as letting me play "F-117A Stealth Fighter" on it. I have personally, with my bare hands, changed my "WIN.INI" and "CONFIG.SYS" settings. This may not mean much to you, but trust me, it is a major data-processing accom-plishment. Albert Einstein died without ever doing it.

I am not the only person who uses his computer mainly for the purpose of diddling with his com-puter, There are millions of others. I know this, because I encounter them on the Internet, which is a giant international network of inelligent, informed computer enthusiasts, by which I mean "people without lives." We don't care. We have each nther, on the Internet. "Geek pride," that is our motto.

You would not believe how wrought up we get about this type of thing, on the internet. I regularly connect with a computer group that has a heated debate going nn about — I am not making this issue up — the timing of Hewlett-Packard's decision to upgrade from a 386 to a 486 microprocessor in its Omnibook computer. This has aroused enormous passion. People - some from other continents are sending snide, angry messages to each other. I tune in every day to see what the leading characters are saying. You probably think this is weird, but I don't care. I am a happy nerd in cyberspace, where nobody can see my haircut.

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Promoting Music With a French Accent

PARIS — Music may be the universal tongue, but France's minister of culture would like it to have a

French accent. The ministry has named the week ending Feb. 7 La Semaine de la Chanson: 1,500 events to promote franco-

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phone popular music through posters, concerts and a blitz of radio and television programs featuring musicians whose work, outside France, falls on deaf ears.

Not coincidentally, Song Week opened Jan. 30 with the annual record industry trade show, MIDEM, at Cannes, at which it was hoped that Culture Minister Jacques Toubon would announce a reduction in the value-added tax on record and cassette sales. Instead, be introduced the 5,3 million franc (\$900,000) Semaine de la Chanson. It will close with an award for the best-selling album of 1993 to Jordy whose tube, or big hit, said to have sold more than 11 million copies worldwide, concerned the trials of being a baby. Jordy was 6 years old last month.

As a PR effort, Song Week flanks an iron-fisted attempt to make the French buy local product: the obligation for radio stations to play at least 40 percent of French songs in music programs. The ruling goes into effect in 1996 but is already followed by many stations. MC6, a television station, recently put nut an ad featuring a cock crowing "Cocorico" (the French symbol of chauvinism) and proclaiming that it exceeds the quota by playing music that is

70 percent French in origin.

The quota has been greeted with embarrassment in some quarters and with doubt that forcing French music down listeners' throats will make them buy French records. Says Philippe Manoeuvre, a television and radio producer and editor of Rock and Folk magazine, "I don't like it when you make it into a duty, like voting. You buy a

disk because you want to."

Le Monde has questioned the very meaning of the quota. What, it asks, happens to local stations aimed at Portuguese, Arab or Armenian listeners, and to young French groups from the provinces who happen to sing in English? And instead of promoting less-known groups, won't the quota encourage the big labels to concentrate on confirmed best-sellers?

"It's too bad that we have reached this point," says Bernard Zekri, who made a program on the quota for the television station Arte. "In the 60 percent that is left the stations will continue to play the heavy American artillery and so the 40 percent will be the French music that tries to

The major contribution of French to current popular music is World Music, which draws on many strains from ethnic cultures. Zekri feels that protectionism is by defini-tion narrowing: "In the 60 percent that remains, I would like to hear German music, or Thai. But I know I won't. It will be Michael Jackson and Madonna."

Why has the country that gave the world Piaf and Montand and Aznavour sunk to such levels? France seems to have lost its way in the 1960s when the Beatles were only given second billing at the Olympia music hall, when the new star was a Piaf clone named Mireille Mathieu, and when a singer called Antoine caused a scandal because he sang his song (he had only one) in a flowered shirt.
With the heavily rhythmic new music, it has been suggested, French songs, in which the lyric is of prime importance, were lost. The new stars were prefabricated

an international success, they are not considered French.

A Pekingsse-faced blonde with a fluty voice named Vanessa Paradis, big in France, has failed to make an international breakthrough despite her collaboration with Lenny Kravitz. Right now, Sony is going all out to promote Patricia Kass, described in Paris-Match as a combination of Disself and Best in the international combination of Dietrich and Pial, in the international market. Sony thinks she will outsell Jordy in 1994. Laurent Viguie, a Cambridge-educated producer, publisher and manager, is less sure. "Every town in America has 1,400 singers who sing better than Kaas," he claims. That she has English-language material will not help, he says.

"If they are going to compete — and this is the paradox — they have to give the music a Gallic flavor. There is no point in doing what the Americans do better."

People in the field say there is plenty of good French music now, even if foreigners are unaware of it. Much of it, ironically, comes from people whose skin color would make them subject to police checks under recent French immigration restrictions. 'North Africans and blacks from working-class suburbs have given French rock new blood," says Olivier Delhaye, a graphic designer and

passionate rock fan.

Delhaye praises MC Solaar whose rap lyrics, he says, are as good as Serge Gainsbourg's, and also the more traditional lyrics of Les Rita Mitsouko. His emphasis on lyrics suggests a return, in new form, to the French tradition of the word, with rhythms based on World Music. Outside of official circles, charvinism does not seem to

exist. "I am making a record now in English with a girl who is half African and half French and a guitatist who is



Patricia Kaas, left, a current favorite; Edith Pinf, a voice from the past, and French rapper MC Solaar.

pseudo-American rockers such as Johnny Hallyday, a joke outside France but still big here.

Today, while the French-based Gipsy Kings have had

half German and half French. Hopefully, they could come from anywhere," Laurent Vignie says. "Nationality should be unimportant in music, in culture with a small 'c'. As soon as governments get involved, it creates hassles."
I think the problem should have been handled differently -- that is to support creation, improve the distribution system and make life easier for people starting off in

music," says Bernard Zekri.

Prench charunism, says Laurent Vigine, encompasses
Parisian rejection of the provinces where there is a lot of
good new music. "In England if you are from Manchester or
Glasgow or Liverpool it's an advantage. Here, the situation
is changing but it used to be that if a Paris A&R man
actually got on the train and went to Bordeaux it was
because he wanted a decent hunch."

Smaller groups and record companies and retailers are definitely being squeezed out of the market in France where 54 percent of record sales are in supermarkets and hypermarkets. This is perhaps more dangerous for the future of French variety music than lyrics sung in languages other

Big record company complaints that they face falling profits are unjustified according to Philippe Manoeuvre, who cites an article in the American trade magazine Billboard to the effect that sales were up by 6 percent in 1993. "The French claim otherwise," he says, adding that they base their figures on the boom years when people were changing from vinyl disks. All right, they're no longer seeing sales increase by 30 percent, but 6 percent isn't bad in times of heavy unemployment. They live well and cry a lot."

Moaning and protectionism are bad for business, he says. "Take the cinema. The more they cry, the less people go. It makes sense — no one wants to go to a funeral." **PEOPLE**

Maxwell, the Musical: Will It See the Light?

Britain is trying to stop "Max-well: The Musical Review," about Robert Maxwell, from opening in London next week. The office of Attorney General Ni holas Lyell said he was asking for a High Court ban on the play to beip ensure that Maxwell's sons, Kevin and Isa, and four other man, and four other men got a fair trial on franci-related charges linked to the collapse of the late media tycom's corporate empire. Kevin Maxwell had asked that the show be barred. saying it would projudice the case. The producer of the musical Evan Steadman, a former channan of one of Maxwell's private companies, has described his musical as a "depiction of a charistan, swindler and sham." Ticket sellers and Priday that previews were almost sold out.

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A book by Boris Yelfsin, tentatively titled "The President's Journal which provides a day-to-day account of two years as Russia's president, will be published in at least a dozen countries in May, according to Random House, the American publisher.

The Oscar-winning composer Maurice Jarre was honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. The French composer has won three Oscars for best score, for "Lawrence of Arabia," "Doctor Zhivago" and "A Pessage to India."

Lady Helen Taylor, a 29-year-old cousir of Queen Ekzabeth whose marriage in 1992 relieved the gloom of royal scandal and separation, an nounced Friday that she was expect-ing her first baby. Taylor, once known as a wild child for partying and topiess simbathing, is manied to an art dealer, Tim Taylor.

David Letterman will return to his old stamping ground for a guest shot with Conan O'Brien, his successor on NBC's "Late Night." Letterman, host of CBS's "Late Show," is returning a favor. O'Brien appeared on Letterman's show shortly after he was named to succeed Letterman;

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The New Las Vegas: Forget the Slots, Bring the Kids

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AS VEGAS — Spencer and James Betz of
San Diego have been coming to this gaudy
gambling mecca for years, but their most recent
trip was different from all the rest.

This time they brought their newborn da ter, Jamie; they brought their nanny, Yada Lopez, and they left their bankroll at home. Because, while the Betzes did find time to play the slots, they were heading to the MGM Grand Hotel and its "Wizard of Oz" theme park, one of three newly opened mega-hotels that are bringing a family touch to the gambling

"Yada's eyes were like saucers when we valked into the Emerald City at MGM," Mrs. Betz said. "She even sang the words to We're Off to See the Wizard' as we walked down the Yellow Brick Road. That's why we came."

Asked why they are spending billions of dollars to build theme park attractions that have nothing to do with the slot machines and craps tables that are the foundation of Las Vegas's success, developers of the three new

Early results indicate that the bet is paying off. The number of visitors to Las Vegas increased. 7.3 percent, to 23.5 million in 1993, compared with 21.9 million in 1992, according to the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority. That: tops the 2.3 percent growth from 1992, to an estimated 13.5 million people, at Orlando, Florida, home of Walt Disney World, or the 2.3 percent decline in visitors, to an estimated 30 million, at Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The new hotels that opened on the Stripduring the fourth quarter are: Circus Circus Enterprises' Luxor, a black glass Egyptian pyramid; Mirage Resort's Treasure Island, styled as an 18th-century pirate village, and the MGM Grand, the world's largest hotel, with 5,005 rooms.

The three projects added a combined 10,500 rooms to the Las Vegas market, now the largest in the world with 87,000 rooms, surpassing Orlando, which has 81,000.

All three resorts, and most of Las Vegas for that matter, have been booked solid since the first of the three, the Luxor, opened Oct. 15. Room reservations at the three hotels are runming 65 percent of capacity for the rest of 1994.

"Gaming has become mainstream in America with the proliferation of state lotteries and other gambling outlets, like Indian casmos and riverboats." Terrence Jicinsky, research coordinator for the convention and visitors authority,

Gaming industry analysis agree and say that expanding market. They estimate that only 15 percent of all adults in the United States has ever visited Las Vegas.

Some travel agents say that more families are heading to Las Vegas. "In the past year, we have received a lot of inquiries from families who say they are interested in Las Vegas be-

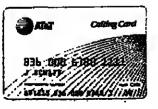
cause there's so much for the kids to do there now," Raschinna Findlay, an agent for Travel Store Inc. in Beverly Hills, California, said. This town seems to follow its own rules of economics, namely that demand follows supply," Robert Maxey, president and chief execu-tive of MGM Grand Inc., said. "No matter how many rooms and how much casino footage is

added, visitors seem to just keep coming, believe we will run out of infrastructure and

resources long before we run out of customers."

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